(19) Europäisches Patentamt
European Patent Office
Office européen des brevets

(11) Publication number: **0 012 401**
A1

(12) EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION

(21) Application number: 79105015.6

(22) Date of filing: 10.12.79

(51) Int. Cl.³: C 07 C 103/52, A 61 K 37/02

(30) Priority: 11.12.78 US 968249

(43) Date of publication of application: 25.06.80 Bulletin 80/13

(84) Designated Contracting States: AT BE CH DE FR GB IT LU NL SE

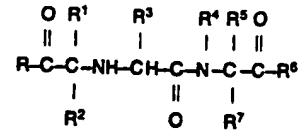
(71) Applicant: MERCK & CO. INC., 126, East Lincoln Avenue P.O. Box 2000, Rahway, New Jersey 07065 (US)

(72) Inventor: Patchett, Arthur A., 1090 Minisink Way, Westfield, N.J. 07090 (US)
Inventor: Harris, Elbert E., 220 Linden Avenue, Westfield, N.J. 07090 (US)
Inventor: Wyvratt, Matthew J., 437 First Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090 (US)
Inventor: Tristram, Edward W., 86 Will Lane, Watchung, N.J. 07060 (US)

(74) Representative: Abitz, Walter, Dr.-Ing., Abitz, Morf, Gritschneder P.O. Box 86 01 09, D-8000 München 86 (DE)

(54) Carboxyalkyl dipeptide derivatives, process for preparing them and pharmaceutical composition containing them.

(57) Carboxyalkyl dipeptide derivatives and related compounds which are useful as antihypertensives, and having the formulae:



wherein

R and R^6 are the same or different and are hydroxy, alkoxy, alkenoxy, dialkylamino alkoxy, acylamino alkoxy, acyloxy alkoxy, aryloxy, alkyloxy, substituted aryloxy or substituted aralkoxy wherein the substituent is methyl, halo, or methoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, aralkylamino or hydroxyamino;

R^1 is hydrogen, alkyl of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, including branched, cyclic and unsaturated alkyl groups; substituted alkyl wherein the substituent is halo, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryloxy amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, acylamino, arylamino, guanidino, imidazolyl, indolyl, mercapto, alkylthio, arylthio, carboxy, carboxamido, carbalkoxy, phenyl, substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is alkyl, alkoxy or halo; aralkyl or heteroaralkyl, aralkenyl or heteroaralkenyl, substituted aralkyl, substituted heteroaralkyl, substituted aralkenyl or substituted heteroaralkenyl, wherein the substituent is halo or dihalo, alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, aminomethyl, acylamino, dialkylamino, alkylamino, carboxyl, haloalkyl, cyano or sulfonamido, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl substituted on the alkyl portion by amino or acylamino;

R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen or alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, alkyl, phenylalkyl, aminomethylphenylalkyl, hydroxyphenylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, acetylaminoalkyl, acylaminoalkyl, acylaminoalkyl aminoalkyl, dimethylaminoalkyl, haloalkyl, guanidinoalkyl, imidaz lylalkyl, indolylalkyl, mercaptoalkyl and alkylthioalkyl;

R^4 is hydrogen or alkyl;

R^5 is hydrogen, alkyl, phenyl, phenylalkyl, hydroxyphenylalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, guanidinoalkyl, imidazolylalkyl, indolylalkyl, mercaptoalkyl or alkylthioalkyl;

R^4 and R^5 may be connected together to form an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 3 carbon atoms and one sulphur atom, an alkylene bridge of from 3 to 4 carbon atoms containing a double bond or an alkylene bridge as above, substituted with hydroxy, alkoxy r alkyl and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

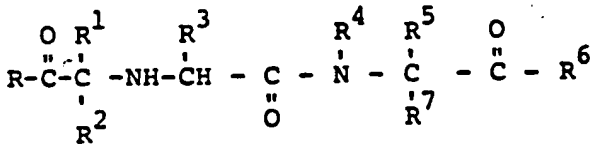
EP 0 012 401 A1

TITLE OF INVENTION

CARBOXYALKYL DIPEPTIDE DERIVATIVES, PROCESS FOR PREPARING THEM AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING THEM

BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

The invention in its broad aspects relates to carboxyalkyl dipeptides and derivatives thereof which are useful as converting enzyme inhibitors and as antihypertensives. The compounds of this invention can be shown by the following formula:



I

wherein

R and R^6 are the same or different and are hydroxy,
lower alkoxy,
lower alkenoxy,
dilower alkylamino lower alkoxy (dimethylamino ethoxy),
acylamino lower alkoxy (acetylaminoethoxy),
acyloxy lower alkoxy (pivaloyloxymethoxy),
aryloxy, such as phenoxy,
arloweralkoxy, such as benzyloxy,

substitut d aryloxy or substituted arloweralkoxy wherein the substitutent is methyl, halo or methoxy,
amino,
loweralkylamino,
diloweralkylamino,
hydroxyamino,
arloweralkylamino such as benzylamino;

R^1 is hydrogen,
alkyl of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms which include branched and cyclic and unsaturated (such as allyl) alkyl groups,
substituted loweralkyl wherein the substituent can be halo, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, aryloxy such as phenoxy, amino, diloweralkylamino, acylamino, such as acetamido and benzamido, arylamino, guanidino, imidazolyl, indolyl, mercapto, loweralkylthio, arylthio such as phenylthio, carboxy or carboxamido, carboloweralkoxy,
aryl such as phenyl or naphthyl,
substituted aryl such as phenyl wherein the substituent is lower alkyl, lower alkoxy or halo,
arloweralkyl, arloweralkenyl, heteroarlower alkyl or heteroarlower alkenyl such as benzyl, styryl or indolyl ethyl,
substituted arloweralkyl, substituted arlower-alkenyl, substituted heteroarlower alkyl, or substituted heteroarlower alkenyl, wherein the substituent(s) is halo, dihalo, lower alkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, aminomethyl, acylamino (acetylamino or benzoyl-

amino) diloweralkylamino, loweralkylamino, carboxyl, haloloweralkyl, cyano or sulfonamido; arloweralkyl or heteroarloweralkyl substituted on the alkyl portion by amino or acylamino (acetylamino or benzoylamino);

R^2 and R^7 are the same or different and are hydrogen or lower alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, phenyl lower alkyl, aminomethyl phenyl lower alkyl, hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl, hydroxy lower alkyl, acylamino lower alkyl (such as benzoylamino lower alkyl, acetylamino lower alkyl), amino lower alkyl, dimethylamino lower alkyl, halo lower alkyl, guanidino lower alkyl, imidazolyl lower alkyl, indolyl lower alkyl, mercapto lower alkyl, lower alkyl thio lower alkyl;

R^4 is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

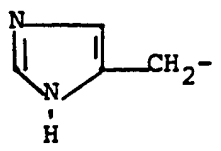
R^5 is hydrogen, lower alkyl, phenyl, phenyl lower alkyl, hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl, hydroxy lower alkyl, amino lower alkyl, guanidino lower alkyl, imidazolyl lower alkyl, indolyl lower alkyl, mercapto lower alkyl or lower alkyl thio lower alkyl;

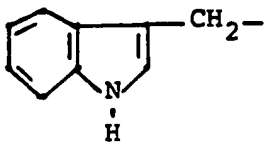
R^4 and R^5 may be connected together to form an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 3 carbon atoms and one sulfur atom, an alkylene bridge of from 3 to 4 carbon atoms containing a double bond or an alkylene bridge as above substituted with hydroxy, loweralkoxy, loweralkyl or diloweralkyl;

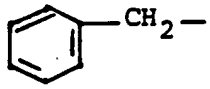
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

The low ralkyl or lower alkenyl groups except where noted otherwise represented by any of the variables include straight and branched chain hydrocarbon radicals from one to six carbon atoms, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl, isobutyl, t-butyl, pentyl, isopentyl, hexyl or vinyl, allyl, butenyl and the like. The aralkyl groups represented by any of the above variables have from one to four carbon atoms in the alkyl portion thereof and include for example, benzyl, p-methoxy benzyl and the like. Halo means chloro, bromo, iodo or fluoro. Aryl where it appears in any of the radicals except where noted represents phenyl or naphthyl. Heteroaryl groups where they appear include for example pyridyl, thienyl, furyl, indolyl, benzthienyl, imidazoyl and thiazolyl.

The R^1, R^3 and R^5 substituted lower alkyl moieties are exemplified by groups such as



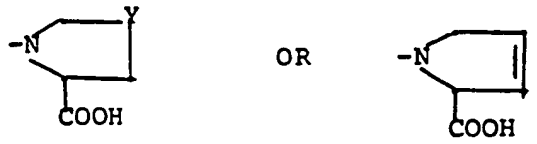




$HO-CH_2-$, $HS-CH_2-$, $H_2N-(CH_2)_4-$, $CH_3-S-(CH_2)_2-$,

$H_2N-(CH_2)_3-$, $H_2N-\overset{\overset{NH}{\|}}{C}-NH-(CH_2)_3-$ and the like.

R^4 and R^5 when joined through the carbon and nitrogen atoms to which they are attached form a 4 to 6 membered ring which may contain one sulfur atom or a double bond. Preferred rings have the formulae:



where Y is CH_2, S, or $CHOCH_3$.

Preferred are those compounds of Formula I wherein:

R is hydroxy, lower alkoxy, lower alkenoxy, arloweralkyloxy, dilower alkylamino lower alkoxy, acylamino lower alkoxy, acyloxy lower alkoxy wherein the substituent is methyl, halo or methoxy;

R^6 is hydroxy or amino;

R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen;

R^3 is lower alkyl or amino lower alkyl,

R^4 and R^5 are joined to form the preferred rings as defined above where Y is CH_2, S, or $CH-OCH_3$;

R^1 is as defined previously.

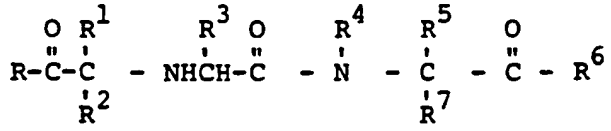
Still more preferred compounds are those preferred compounds of Formula I wherein further R^1 is alkyl having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms, substituted lower alkyl wherein the alkyl group has 1-4 carbon atoms and the substituent is amino, arylthio, aryloxy or arylamino, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl wherein the alkyl portion has 1 to 3 carbon atoms such as phenethyl or indolylethyl or substituted arloweralkyl (phenyl lower alkyl or naphthyl lower alkyl) and substituted heteroarloweralkyl wherein the alkyl groups have 1-3 carbons and wherein the substituent(s) is halo, dihalo, amino, aminoalkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy or lower alkyl.

Most preferred are compounds of Formula I wherein

R is hydroxy or lower alkoxy;
R^6 is hydroxy;
R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen;
R^3 is methyl or amino lower alkyl;
R^4 and R^5 are joined through the carbon and nitrogen atom to form proline, 4-thiaproline or 4-methoxy proline;
R^1 is alkyl having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms, substituted lower alkyl wherein the alkyl group has 1-4 carbon atoms and the substituent is amino, arylthio or aryloxy, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl wherein the alkyl portion has 1 to 3 carbon atoms such as phenethyl or indolylethyl or substituted aralkyl (phenyl lower alkyl or naphthyl lower alkyl) and substituted heteroaralkyl wherein the alkyl groups have 1-3 carbons and wherein the substituent(s) is halo, dihalo, amino, aminoalkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy or lower alkyl.

The preferred, more preferred and most preferred compounds also include the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

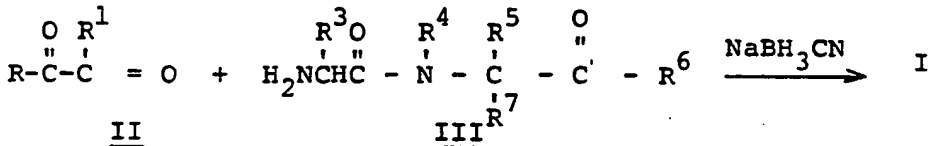
The products of Formula (I) and the preferred subgroups can be produced by one or more of the methods and subroutes depicted in the following equations



I

As will be evident to those skilled in the art and as demonstrated in the Examples, reactive groups not involved in the condensations, such as amino, carboxy, mercapto, etc., may be protected by methods standard in peptide chemistry prior to the coupling reactions and subsequently deprotected to obtain the desired products.

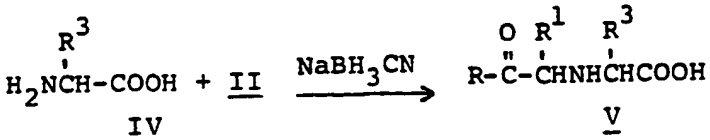
Method I, Route 1 (R^2 = H)



Keto acid (or ester, amide or hydroxamic acid) II is condensed with dipeptide III in aqueous solution, optimally near neutrality, or in suitable organic solvent (CH_3CN for example) in the presence of sodium cyano borohydride to give I (R^2 = H). Alternatively the intermediate Schiff base, enamine, or aminol may be catalytically reduced to yield product I, for example, by hydrogen in the presence of 10% palladium on carbon or of Raney nickel. The ratio of diasteriomeric products formed may be altered by choice of catalyst.

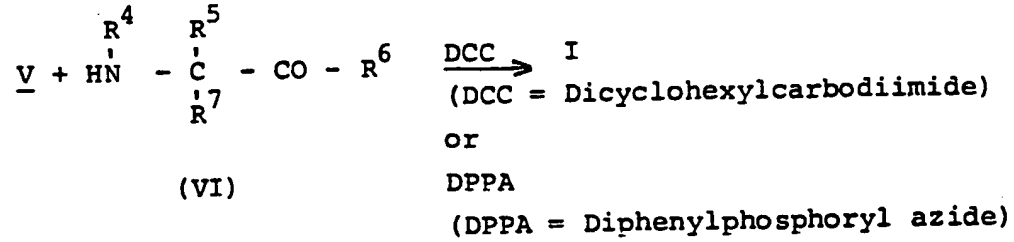
If R and R^6 are carboxy protecting groups such as alkoxy or benzyloxy or the like, they can be converted by well-known methods such as hydrolysis or hydrogenation to (I), where R and/or R^6 are hydroxy. This is true in all the following methods where the above situation exists.

Alternatively II can be condens d with an amino acid IV

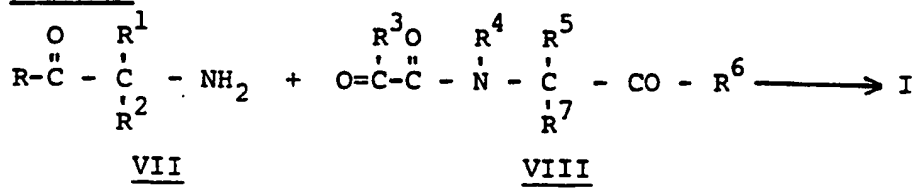


under the same conditions to yield amino acid V. Subsequent coupling by known methods with amino acid derivative VI gives I.

The known methods encompass reactive group protection during the coupling reaction, for example, by N-formyl, N-t-butoxycarbonyl and N-carbobenzyloxy groups followed by their removal to yield I. Furthermore, the R function may include removable ester groups such as benzyl, ethyl, or t-butyl. Condensing agents in this synthetic route are typically those useful in peptide chemistry such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) or diphenylphosphoryl azide (DPPA) or V may be activated via the intermediacy of active esters such as that derived from 1-hydroxybenzotriazole.



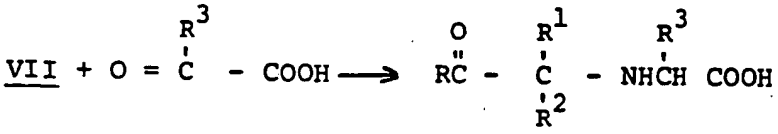
Route 2



VII VIII

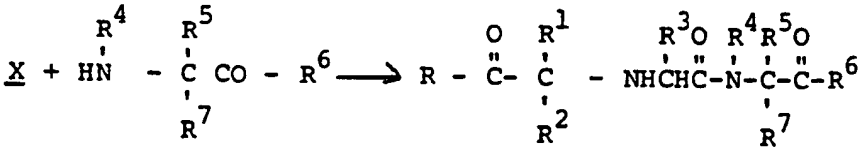
Amino acid (or ester, amide or hydroxamic acid) VII is condensed with ketone VIII under conditions described for Route I to give I.

Alternatively the synthesis can be performed in a step-wise fashion by condensing VII with keto acid IX.



IX X

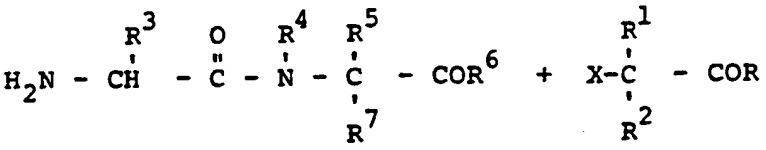
to yield amino acid X. By known methods as indicated above under Route 1, X can be condensed with amino acid derivative VI to give I.



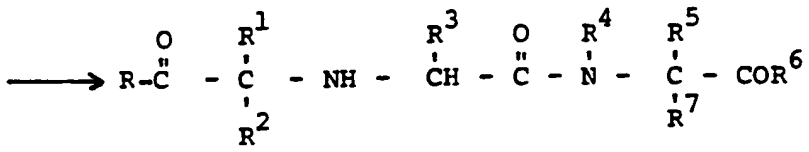
VI I

In the special case of R^1 bearing an α-amino substituent, the carbonyl and amino groups can be conveniently protected as a β-lactam function.

Method 2 Route 1



III XI

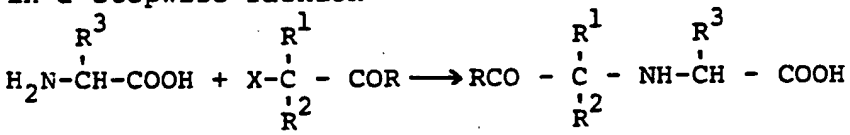


I

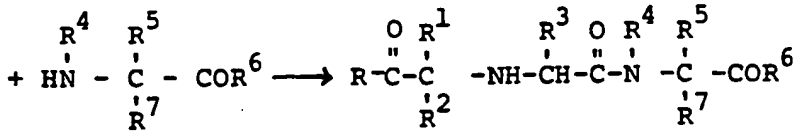
The dipeptide III is alkylated with the appropriate α-haloacid (ester or amide) or α-sulfonyloxy acid (ester or amide) XI under basic conditions in water or an organic solvent.

X is chlorine, bromine, iodine or alkyl sulfonyloxy or aryl sulfonyloxy.

Alternatively the synthesis can be performed in a stepwise fashion



IV XI X



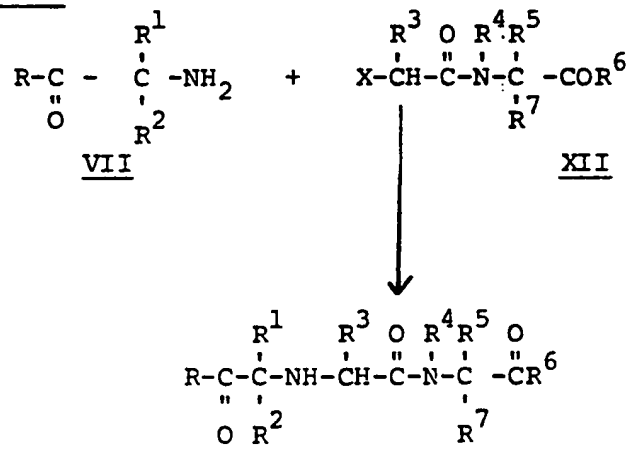
VI I

X = Cl, Br, I, alkylsulfonyloxy or arylsulfonyloxy.

The aminoacid IV is alkylated by the α-haloacid (ester or amide) or α-sulfonyloxy acid (ester or amide) XI under basic conditions to yield compounds X. This is condensed by standard methods as indicated under Route 1 with the aminoacid (ester or amide) VI to afford I.

Reductive cleavage of a benzyl ester I (where R^6 is benzyloxy and R is alkoxy) will yield compounds of Formula I wherein R is alkoxy and R^6 is hydroxy, and where R^6 is alkoxy and R is benzyloxy, will yield compounds of Formula I wherein R is hydroxy and R^6 is alkoxy.

Route 2



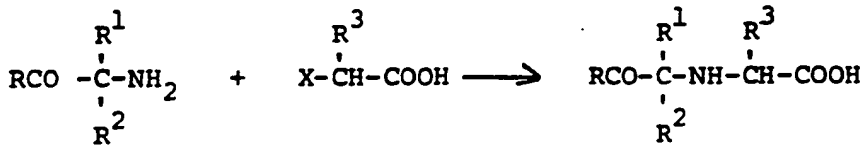
VII XII

I

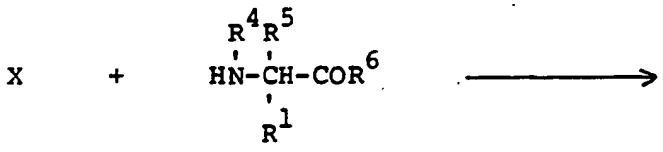
X = Cl, Br, I, alkyl sulfonyloxy or aryl sulfonyloxy.

The aminoacid or derivative VII is alkylated with the appropriately substituted α-haloacetyl or α-sulfonyloxy acetyl aminoacid XII under basic conditions in water or other solvent to obtain compounds of Formula I.

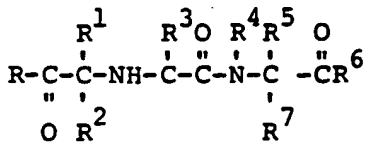
Alternatively, the synthesis can be performed in a step-wise fashion by condensing an aminoacid ester VII with a substituted



VII XIII X



VI



I

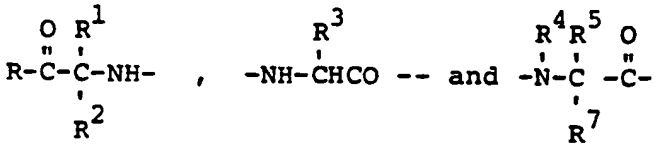
α-haloacetic acid or α-sulfonyloxy acetic acid (XIII) to yield the intermediate X. By known methods described under Route 1, X can be coupled with an aminoacid VI or derivative to give I.

As desired, protecting groups may be removed by known methods.

The starting materials which are required for the above processes herein described are known in the literature or can be made by known methods from known starting materials.

In products of general Formula I, the carbon atoms to which R^1, R^3 and R^5 are attached may be asymmetric. The compounds accordingly exist in disastereoisomeric forms or in mixtures thereof. The above described syntheses can

utilize racemates, enantiomers or diastereomers as starting materials. When diastereomeric products result from the synthetic procedures, the diastereomeric products can be separated by conventional chromatographic or fractional crystallization methods. In general, the aminoacid part-structures, i.e.,



of Formula (I) are preferred in the S-configuration.

The compounds of this invention form salts with various inorganic and organic acids and bases which are also within the scope of the invention. Such salts include ammonium salts, alkali metal salts like sodium and potassium salts (which are preferred), alkaline earth metal salts like the calcium and magnesium salts, salts with organic bases e.g., dicyclohexylamine salts, N-methyl-D-glucamine, salts with amino acids like arginine, lysine and the like. Also salts with organic and inorganic acids may be prepared, e.g., HCl, HBr, H_2SO_4, H_3PO_4, methanesulfonic, toluensulfonic, maleic, fumaric, camphorsulfonic. The non-toxic physiologically acceptable salts are preferred, although other salts are also useful, e.g., in isolating or purifying the product.

The salts may be formed by conventional means, as by reacting the free acid or free base forms of the product with one or more equivalents of the appropriate base or acid in a solvent or medium in which the salt is insoluble, or in a solvent such as water which is then removed in vacuo or by freeze-drying or by exchanging the cations of an existing salt for another cation on a suitable ion exchange resin.

The compounds of this invention inhibit angiotensin converting enzyme and thus block conversion of the decapeptide angiotensin I to angiotensin II. Angiotensin II is a potent pressor substance. Thus blood-pressure lowering can result from inhibition of its biosynthesis especially in animals and humans whose hypertension is angiotensin II related. Furthermore, converting enzyme degrades the vasodepressor substance, bradykinin. Therefore, inhibitors of angiotensin converting enzyme may lower blood-pressure also by potentiation of bradykinin. Although the relative importance of these and other possibl mechanisms remains to be established, inhibitors of angiotensin converting enzyme are effective antihypertensive agents in a variety of animal models and are useful clinically, for example, in many human patients with renovascular, malignant and essential hypertension. See, for example, D. W. Cushman et al., Biochemistry 16, 5484 (1977).

The evaluation of converting enzyme inhibitors is guided by in vitro enzyme inhibition assays. For example, a useful method is that of Y. Piquilloud, A. Reinharz and M. Roth, Biochem. Biophys. Acta, 206, 136 (1970) in which the hydrolysis of carbobenzyloxyphenylalanylhistidinylleucine is measured. In vivo evaluations may be made, for example, in normotensive rats challenged with angiotensin I by the technique of J. R. Weeks and J. A. Jones, Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med., 104, 646 (1960) or in a high renin rat model such as that of S. Koletsky et al., Proc. Soc. Exp. Biol. Med., 125, 96 (1967).

Thus, the compounds of this invention are useful as antihypertensives in treating hypertensive mammals, including humans and they can be utilized to achieve the reduction of blood pressure by formulating in compositions such as tablets, capsules or elixirs for oral administration or in sterile solutions or suspensions for parenteral administration. The compounds of this invention can be

administered to patients (animals and human) in n ed of such treatment in a dosage range of 5 to 500 mg per patient generally given several times, thus giving a total daily dose of from 5 to 2000 mg per day. The dose will vary depending on severity of disease, weight of patient and other factors which a person skilled in the art will recognize.

Also the compounds of this invention may be given in combination with other diuretics or antihypertensives. Typically these are combinations whose individual per day dosages range from one-fifth of the minimally recommended clinical dosages to the maximum recommended levels for the entities when they are given singly. To illustrate these combinations, one of the antihypertensives of this invention effective clinically in the range 15-200 milligrams per day can be effectively combined at levels ranging from 3-200 milligrams per day with the following antihypertensives and diuretics in dose ranges per day as indicated:

hydrochlorothiazide (15-200 mg), chlorothiazide (125-2000 mg), ethacrynic acid (15-200 mg), amiloride (5-20 mg), furosemide (5-80 mg), propanolol (20-480 mg), timolol (5-50 mg.) and methyldopa (65-2000 mg). In addition, the triple drug combinations of hydrochlorothiazide (15-200 mg) plus amiloride (5-20 mg) plus converting enzyme inhibitor of this invention (3-200 mg) or hydrochlorothiazide (15-200 mg) plus timolol (5-50 mg) plus the converting enzyme inhibitor of this invention (3-200 mg) are effective combinations to control blood pressure in hypertensive patients. The above dose ranges will be adjusted on a unit basis as necessary to permit divided daily dosage. Also, the dose will vary depending on the severity of the disease, weight of patient and other factors which a person skilled in the art will recognize.

Typically the combinations shown above are formulated into pharmaceutical c mpositions as discussed below.

EXAMPLE 3

N-(1-Carboxy-2-cyclohexylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

3-Cyclohexyl-2-oxopropionic acid (cyclohexylpyruvic acid) (0.98 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.22 g) were treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.22 g) as described above. A light colored solid, N-(1-carboxy-2-cyclohexylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline, was obtained, 0.31 g. After purification by chromatography the mass spectrum showed peaks at 340 (molecular ion), 322, 277, 249, and 226. The nmr spectrum showed complex absorption in the 4.8 to 3.6 range, and peaks at 2.2, 1.7, and 1.2 ppm.

EXAMPLE 4

N-(1-Carboxy-5-methylhexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

6-Methyl-2-oxoheptanoic acid (0.90 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.21 g) were treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.21 g) as described above. A white fluffy solid, N-(1-carboxy-5-methylhexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (0.24 g) was obtained. After purification by chromatography the mass spectrum showed a peak at 472 (disilyl derivative). The nmr spectrum showed absorption centered at 4.5, 3.65, 2.0, 1.6, 1.3, and 0.85 ppm.

EXAMPLE 5

N-(1-Carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

4-Methyl-2-oxopentanoic acid (1.29 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.32 g) were treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.32 g) as described above. A fluffy white solid, N-(1-carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline, was obtained (0.40 g). A portion was purified by chromatography. The mass spectrum showed a peak at 429 (molecular ion of disilyl derivative minus methyl,

synthetic fatty vehicle like ethyl oleate or the like. Buffers, preservatives, antioxidants and the like can be incorporated as required.

The following examples are illustrative of the invention and constitute especially preferred embodiments. The preferred diastereomers of these examples are isolated by column chromatography or fractional crystallization.

EXAMPLE 1

N-(1-Carboxy-2-phenylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A mixture of phenylpyruvic acid (753 mg) and L-alanyl-L-proline (171 mg) in methanol-water are adjusted to pH 6.8 and treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (173 mg) at room temperature until reaction is complete. The product is absorbed on strong cation exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water to give 294 mg of crude diastereomeric product, N-(1-carboxy-2-phenylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. A portion is purified by gel filtration (LH-20) for spectrographic analysis. The nmr spectrum shows a broad singlet at 7.2, complex absorption from 3.0 to 4.6, a multiplet at 2.1 and a pair of doublets at 1.5 ppm.

EXAMPLE 2

N-(1-Carboxyethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of L-alanyl-L-proline (372 mg) and pyruvic acid (881 mg) in water is adjusted to pH 7 and treated with 377 mg of sodium cyanoborohydride at room temperature until reaction is complete. The product is absorbed on strong acid ion-exchange resin and then eluted with 2% pyridine in water. Freeze drying gives 472 mg of N-(1-carboxyethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. Nmr and mass spectrogram are consistent with structure. The nmr spectrum shows multiplets centered at 4.5, 3.7, and 2.2 ppm, and a pair of doublets at 1.6 ppm.

EXAMPLE 3

N-(1-Carboxy-2-cyclohexylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

3-Cyclohexyl-2-oxopropionic acid (cyclohexylpyruvic acid) (0.98 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.22 g) were treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.22 g) as described above. A light colored solid, N-(1-carboxy-2-cyclohexylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline, was obtained, 0.31 g. After purification by chromatography the mass spectrum showed peaks at 340 (molecular ion), 322, 277, 249, and 226. The nmr spectrum showed complex absorption in the 4.8 to 3.6 range, and peaks at 2.2, 1.7, and 1.2 ppm.

EXAMPLE 4

N-(1-Carboxy-5-methylhexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

6-Methyl-2-oxoheptanoic acid (0.90 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.21 g) were treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.21 g) as described above. A white fluffy solid, N-(1-carboxy-5-methylhexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (0.24 g) was obtained. After purification by chromatography the mass spectrum showed a peak at 472 (disilyl derivative). The nmr spectrum showed absorption centered at 4.5, 3.65, 2.0, 1.6, 1.3, and 0.85 ppm.

EXAMPLE 5

N-(1-Carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

4-Methyl-2-oxopentanoic acid (1.29 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.32 g) were treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.32 g) as described above. A fluffy white solid, N-(1-carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline, was obtained (0.40 g). A portion was purified by chromatography. The mass spectrum showed a peak at 429 (molecular ion of disilyl derivative minus methyl,

444-15). The nmr spectrum show d resonances centered at 4.4, 3.6, 2.1, 1.6, and 0.95 ppm.

EXAMPLE 6

N-(1-Carboxypropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

2-Oxobutyric acid (1.02 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.37 g) were treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.38 g) as described above. Crude N-1-carboxypropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (0.42 g) was obtained. A portion was chromatographed for spectral analysis. The mass spectrum showed prominent peaks at 254 (M-18) and 210 (M-62). The nmr spectrum displayed complex absorption from 4.5 to 3.4, a multiplet centered at 2.0 and methyl resonances centered at 1.55 and 0.95 ppm.

EXAMPLE 7

N-(1-carboxy-2-methylpropyl)L-alanyl-L-proline

A mixture of 3-methyl-2-oxobutyric acid sodium salt (1.46 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.40 g) was treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.41 g) as described above. Crude N-(1-carboxy-2-methylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (.45 g) was obtained by elution from ion-exchange resin. The product melted at 131-142°. The nmr spectrum shows complex absorption in the 4.6 to 3.3 region, a broad multiplet centered at 2.2 and doublets at 1.65 and 1.1 ppm.

EXAMPLE 8

N-(1,3-Dicarboxypropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

2-Oxoglutaric acid (1.46 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.37 g) were treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.38 g) as described above. Crude N-(1,3-dicarboxypropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (0.47 g) was obtained, m.p. 140-160°. The mass spectrum of silylated material showed an ion at 517 m/e equivalent to the molecular

ion for the trisilylated derivative minus methyl (532-15). The nmr spectrum was consistent with structure. Methyl resonances were centered at 1.4 ppm.

EXAMPLE 9

N-(1,4-Dicarboxybutyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

2-Oxoadipic acid (1.74 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.41 g) were treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (0.42 g) as described above. Crude N-1,4-dicarboxybutyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (0.35 g) was obtained, m.p. 106-132°. The highest peak in the mass spectrum was 312 corresponding to the molecular ion minus water. The methyl resonances in the nmr spectrum show a pair of doublets centered at 1.55 ppm.

EXAMPLE 10

N-(1-Carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-alanyl-L-isoleucine

A solution of L-alanyl-L-isoleucine (150 mg) and 4-methyl-2-oxopentanoic acid sodium salt (564 mg) in water was adjusted to pH 7 and treated with 140 mg of sodium cyanoborohydride at room temperature for several days. The reaction was quenched with strong acid ion-exchange resin, added to a column of the same resin, and eluted with 2% pyridine in water. Freeze drying afforded 200 mg (84.9%) of white fluffy solid, N-(1-carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-alanyl-L-isoleucine. Mass spectrum showed peaks at 460 for the disilylated derivative, and 445 for disilyl molecular ion minus methyl (460-15). The nmr spectrum showed a broad doublet centered at 0.95 ppm, complex absorption in the 1.2-1.8 ppm range, and a broad weak singlet at 3.7 ppm.

EXAMPLE 11

N-(1-Carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-alanyl-L-phenylalanine

A solution of L-alanyl-L-phenylalanine (150 mg) and 4-methyl-2-oxopentanoic acid sodium salt (483 mg) in water was adjusted to pH 7 and treated with 120 mg of sodium cyanoborohydride at room temperature for several days. The reaction was quenched with Dowex 50 (H+), added to a column of the same resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water. Freeze drying yielded 197 mg (88.7%) of white fluffy solid, N-(1-carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-alanyl-L-phenylalanine. Mass spectrum showed peaks at 551 for the trisilyl derivative minus methyl (566-15), 479 for the disilyl derivative minus methyl (494-15), and 449 for the trisilyl derivative minus -COOTMS (566-117). The nmr spectrum showed broad doublets at 0.95 and 1.5 ppm, complex weak absorption in the 2.8-3.4 ppm range, and a singlet at 7.1 ppm. Integration was consistent with structure giving the proper ratio of aromatic to aliphatic protons.

EXAMPLE 12

N-Carboxymethyl-L-alanyl-L-proline

In a small flask fitted with a pH electrode combine 1.05 g of L-alanyl-L-proline and 1.2 ml of 4M NaOH. Add 0.53 g of chloroacetic acid in 1.2 ml of 2M NaOH. Adjust the pH to 8-9, heat to 85°, and hold the pH at 8-9 for 15 minutes by adding NaOH as necessary. Add another .53 g of chloroacetic acid and NaOH as necessary for 15 minutes. Charge a third .53 g portion of chloroacetic acid, hold the pH at 8-9 for 15 minutes, age an additional 15 minutes at 85° and cool.

Pass the reaction mixture over a column of Dowex 50 (H+), wash with water and elute with 2% pyridine in water. Combine the fractions which show a positive ninhydrin reaction, concentrate to a small volume in vacuo, and freeze dry.

Dissolve this material in a few ml of water and charge to a column of Dowex 50 (Na+). Elute with 0.5M citric acid adjusted to pH 3.3 with NaOH. The desired product emerges first (ninhydrin test), well resolved from unreacted alanylproline. Concentrate the product fraction in vacuo to a weight of about 300 g.

Charge this solution to a column of Dowex 50 (H+). Wash with water, then elute the product with 2% pyridine in water. Concentrate the product fraction in vacuo to a small volume and freeze dry. Yield 417 mg of N-carboxymethyl-L-alanyl-L-proline.

nmr spectrum (D_2O, MeOH internal standard): 1.58 ppm (d, J = 6) with small companion at 1.53 (d, J = 6) (total 3H), 1.77-2.68 (broad m, 4H), 3.63 (s) over 3.28-3.92 (m) (total 4H), 4.05-4.72 (broad m, 2H) overlapped by water peak at 4.68.

EXAMPLE 13

N-(1-carboxyethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Dissolve 45 g of benzyl pyruvate and 4.5 g of L-alanine in a mixture of 115 ml of water and 250 ml of p-dioxane. Adjust the pH to 5.5 with NaOH. Add 9.4 g of sodium cyanoborohydride and stir at room temperature for 6 days. Adjust to pH 1 with conc. HCl.

Charge this solution to a column of Dowex 50 (H^+) prepared in 50% dioxane-water. Wash with 50% dioxane-water, then with water. Elute the product with 2% pyridine in water; combine the product fractions and concentrate to dryness in vacuo. Triturate the solid residue with water, filter, and wash with water. Dry to obtain 6.8 g of N-(1-carbobenzoxyethyl)-L-alanine as a mixture of diastereoisomers. A second crop of 1.0 g can be obtained from the mother liquor solids.

Dissolve 208 mg of the above and 217 mg of L-proline benzyl ester hydrochloride in dry DMF. Cool to 0°. Add 0.193 ml of diphenylphosphoryl azide dissolved in DMF. Then add dropwise over 10 minutes a solution of .24 ml triethylamine in DMF holding the temperature at 0°. Stir 3 hours at 0°, then overnight at room temperature.

Dilute the mixture with ethyl acetate, wash with water and 5% sodium bicarbonate. Concentrate in vacuo to a small volume and chromatograph on a preparative silica tlc plate, developing with ethyl acetate. Scrape off the broad band at rf = .5-.6, elute with ethyl acetate, and strip off the solvent to obtain 212 mg of the mixture of diastereoisomers of N-(1-carbobenzoxyethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline benzyl ester.

Dissolve 135 mg. of the above in a mixture of methanol and water. Add 50 mg of 10% Pd on C catalyst, and hydrogenate at 40 psi H_2 pressure and room temperature. Filter, concentrate in vacuo, and freeze dry to obtain 95 mg of the mixture of diastereoisomers of N-(1-carboxyethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. The nmr spectrum is comparable to that in Example 2 and the mass spectrum of the silylated derivative shows the same fragmentation pattern.

EXAMPLE 14

N-(1-carboxyethyl)-alanyl-L-proline

Dissolve 0.75 g of N-(1-carbobenzoxyethyl)-alanine in pyridine and add 7.5 ml of 1M triethylamine in pyridine. Cool, and add 1.09 g L-proline benzyl ester hydrochloride and 0.678 g dicyclohexylcarbodiimide. Store at 0°C for 20 hours. Filter, then concentrate the reaction mixture in vacuo. Dissolve the residue in ethyl acetate and wash this solution with saturated K_2CO_3, then brine. Dry the organic phase, concentrate in vacuo, then chromatograph the residue on silica gel with ethyl acetate-hexane to isolate the diastereoisomeric mixture of N-(1-carbobenzoxyethyl)-alanyl-L-proline.

Hydrogenate in the usual manner with 10% Pd/C in aqueous ethanol and obtain, after work-up and freeze drying, N-(1-carboxyethyl)-alanyl-L-proline as a white solid.

nmr spectrum (D_2O): 1.65 ppm (d, 6H), 1.9-2.6 (M, 4H), 3.5-4.2 (M, 3H), 4.3-4.8 (M, 2H).

EXAMPLE 15

N-(1-carbomethoxyethyl)-alanyl-L-proline

Neutralize a solution of 1.4 g of methyl L-alaninate HCl and 3.1 g of α-bromopropionic acid in a dioxane-water mixture to pH 9 with sodium hydroxide. Warm to 70° and hold for 30 minutes, keeping the pH at 8 to 9 by addition of sodium hydroxide as necessary. Cool, apply to a column of Dowex 50 (H^+) ion exchange resin, wash with water, and elute with 2% pyridine in water. Combine the product fractions and freeze dry. Purify this crude by chromatography on an ion-exchange column of Dowex 50 (Na^+) in 0.5M sodium citrate buffer pH 3.3. Collect the product fractions, concentrate to a small volume in vacuo, and repeat the Dowex 50 (H^+) chromatography. Freeze dry the product fractions to obtain the pure N-(1-carbomethoxyethyl)-alanine.

Couple this intermediate with L-proline-t-butyl ester using diphenylphosphoryl azide as described in Example 13, then remove the t-butyl ester by dissolving in trifluoracetic acid at room temperature for 3 hours, distill off the TFA, and purify on a column of Dowex 50 (H^+)-2% pyridine as described, to obtain N-(1-carbomethoxyethyl)-alanyl-proline as a mixture of diastereoisomers.

EXAMPLE 16

N-(1-Methoxycarbonyl-3-methylthiopropyl)-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of pyruvoyl-L-proline (185 mg), L-methionine methyl ester (600 mg), and sodium cyanoborohydride (200 mg) in 20 ml of methanol is adjusted to neutrality with dilute methanolic sodium hydroxide. After standing at room temperature for three days the product is absorbed on strong acid ion-exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water to yield 80 mg of product. The nmr spectrum shows OCH_3 at 3.95δ, S-CH_3 at 2.2δ and CH-CH_3 at 1.55 and 1.7δ. The mass spectrogram on silylated material shows the expected molecular ion at 404 m/e.

EXAMPLE 17

N-(1(S)-Carboxy-3-Methylthiopropyl)-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of N-(1(S)-methoxycarbonyl-3-methylthiopropyl)-DL-alanyl-L-proline (127.5 mg; 0.384 mM) in 2 ml of water is treated under nitrogen with 7.82 ml 0.100 N sodium hydroxide (0.782 mM) and stirred for 2-1/2 hr. at room temperature. The product is absorbed from the reaction mixture onto 30 ml of Dowex 50 (H+) and eluted with 4% aqueous pyridine to yield 73.5 mg., which is further purified over a LH-20 column to yield 55.7 mg. of product. The nmr spectrum in D_2O shows S-CH_3 at 2.1; CH-$\underline{CH_3}$ at 1.5 and 1.6δ and no methyl ester. The mass spectrogram on silylated material shows the expected molecular ion at 462 m/e.

EXAMPLE 18

N-[1-Methoxycarbonyl-2-(3-indolyl)-ethyl]-alanyl-L-proline

In a manner similar to Example 16 tryptophan methyl ester is condensed with pyruvoyl-L-proline in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-[1-methoxycarbonyl-2-(3-indolyl)-ethyl]-alanyl-L-proline.

The nmr spectrum in $CDCl_3$ shows aromatic protons at 6.9 to 7.7; protons adjacent to the aromatic nucleus and adjacent to nitrogen at 2.8 to 3.9; aliphatic methylene protons at 1.4 to 2.7 and the alanine methyl at 1.0 to 1.4 . The mass spectrogram on silylated material shows an ion at 516 m/e in accord with disilylated material having lost a CH_3 group.

EXAMPLE 19

N-[1(S)-carboxy-2-(3-indolyl)-ethyl]-DL-alanyl-L-proline

In a manner similar to Example 17 the product above is hydrolyzed to give the expected diacid. The nmr spectrum in D_2O-d_5Pyr. shows 5 aromatic protons at 6.8 to 7.7; 7 protons adjacent to the aromatic nucleus and adjacent to nitrogen at 2.8 to 7.4 and 7 aliphatic protons at 1.0 to 2.2σ in accord with the expected structure. The mass spectrogram on silylated material shows a peak at 431 m/e interpreted as a protonated monosilylated ion having lost a CH_3 group.

EXAMPLE 20

N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-4-thiazolidine carboxylic acid

Combine tBoc-Alanine (1.8 g) and L-thiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid benzyl ester hydrochloride (2.6 g) in methylene chloride. Treat at 0-5° with triethylamine

(1.4 ml), then with DCC (2.3 g) in methylene chloride and store overnight. After filtering and washing the filtrate with water and sodium bicarbonate solution, strip off the solvent and chromatograph on Silica G-60 (E. Merck) in ethyl acetate-hexane. Strip the solvent from the combined product fractions in vacuo. Hydrolyze the benzyl ester in acetonitrile-water at pH 13.5 (NaOH) for 1 hour at room temperature. Neutralize to pH 8 with HCl, wash with ether, concentrate the water layer in vacuo, freeze-dry. Remove the t-butyloxycarbonyl protecting group in 4M hydrogen chloride in ethyl acetate, precipitate the product with ether, filter and dry to obtain the L-alanyl-L-thiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid. Condense 0.385 g of this with 1.88 g of 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid in water using .354 g of sodium cyanoborohydride by the method described in Example 2 , to obtain 0.53 g. of the mixture of diastereoisomers of N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-4-thiazolidine carboxylic acid. The nmr spectrum (D_2O + NaOD) contains a split doublet at 1.2 ppm (3H), a singlet at 7.1 (5H), broad absorption in the 1.6 to 2.0 region (2H), and broad multiple absorptions in the 2.2 to 4.1 range and a large water peak at 4.6 ppm. The mass spectrum of silylated material shows the molecular ion of the disilylated derivative at m/e = 556.

EXAMPLE 21

N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-pipecolinic acid

By substituting L-pipecolinic acid methyl ester hydrochloride (1.8 g) for the thiazolidine carboxylic ester of Example 20, the title compound can be prepared by the method described in that example.

The nmr spectrum (CD_3OD) shows a broad multiplet at 1.3-1.9 ppm (9H), a singlet at 7.22 (5H), and a series of multiplets in the 2.0-4.8 ppm range. The mass spectrum on silylated material exhibits a peak at m/e = 580 for the disilylated molecular ion.

EXAMPLE 22

N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-N-methylalanine

By substituting L-N-methylalanine methyl ester hydrochloride (1.5 g) for the thiazolidine carboxylic ester of Example 20, the title compound can be prepared by the method described in that example.

EXAMPLE 23

N(1-Carboxy-1-methylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Combine 7.7 g of 2-bromoisobutyric acid benzyl ester, 2.4 g of L-alanyl-L-proline t-butyl ester, and 7.0 g of silver oxide in 40 ml of benzene. Reflux 24 hours, then add an additional 7.7 g of the bromo-ester and 7.0 g of silver oxide and continue the reflux for an additional 24 hours. Cool, filter, strip off the solvent, and isolate the diester of the product by the usual chromatographic procedures. Remove the t-butyl ester group in trifluoracetic acid and the benzyl group by catalytic hydrogenolysis in the established manner to obtain the desired free acid.

EXAMPLE 24

N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A mixture of 4-phenyl-2-oxobutyric acid (1.49 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.31 g) in water are adjusted to pH 7.5 with caustic and treated with

sodium cyanoborohydride (0.32 g) overnight. The product is absorbed on strong acid ion exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water to give 0.36 g of crude diastereomeric product, N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. A portion is purified by gel filtration (LH-20) for spectrographic analysis. The nmr spectrum in DMSO shows aromatic hydrogen at 7.20, a broad singlet at 4.30, broad multiplets at 3.0 to 3.9, 2.67 and 1.94, and a doublet at 1.23 and 1.15. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 492 m/e for the ditrimethylsilylated species.

EXAMPLE 25

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Mill and sieve XAD-2 polystyrene resin (Rohm & Haas Co.). Define the 200-400 mesh fraction and charge 440 ml to a chromatographic column. Equilibrate with 0.1M NH_4OH in 95:5 (v/v) water-methanol. Charge to the column 350 mg of N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline, prepared and purified as described in Example 24, dissolved in 10 ml of the same solvent. Elute with this solvent. The first isomer emerges from the column in the volume range 375-400 ml of eluant. The second isomer in the range 440-480 ml, with the intermediate fractions containing a mixture of the isomers. Freeze dry the fraction containing the first isomer to obtain 130 mg of white solid. Recrystallize from 1 ml of water adjusted to pH 3 to obtain 94 mg of white needles, m.p. 148-151°d. This is the more active isomer and has the S,S,S configuration as determined by X-ray analysis. $[\alpha]_D = -67.0°$, (0.1 M HCl) after drying in vacuo over P_2O_5. The nmr (DMSO) shows a single doublet for the methyl protons at 1.22 ppm. Freeze-dry the fracti n

containing the second isomer to obtain 122 mg. of white solid. Recrystallize 103 mg. from 2.5 ml of water adjusted to pH 3 to obtain 64 mg of feathery white crystals, m.p. 140- 145°d, $[a]_D$ = -101.6° (0.1 M HCl) after drying. The nmr (DMSO) shows the methyl doublet at 1.17 ppm.

EXAMPLE 26

N-(1-(S)-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate (1.03 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.19 g) are dissolved in a 1:1 ethanol-water solvent. A solution of sodium cyanoborohydride (0.19 g) in ethanol-water is added dropwise at room temperature over the course of two hours. When reaction is complete the product is absorbed in strong acid ion-exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water. The product-rich cuts are freeze dried to give 0.25 g of crude N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 448 m/e for the monosilylated species. Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

EXAMPLE 27

N-(1-Aminocarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

In the manner described in example 26, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyramide and L-alanyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-amino carbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 28

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-tryptophan

In the manner described in example 24, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-alanyl-L-tryptophan are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-tryptophan.

EXAMPLE 29

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-4-hydroxyproline

In the manner described in example 24, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-alanyl-L-4-hydroxyproline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-4-hydroxyproline.

The nmr spectrum in deuteromethanol exhibits a doublet centered at 1.53 ppm (3H), a singlet at 7.13 (5H), and a series of multiplets in the range 2.0 to 4.7 ppm. The mass spectrum of silylated material shows the molecu-lst ion of the trisilylated product at m/e = 580.

EXAMPLE 30

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-serinyl-L-proline

In the manner described in example 24, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-serinyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-serinyl-L-proline.

The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 580 m/e for the trisilylated species. The nmr spectrum in D_2O is consistent with structure.

EXAMPLE 31

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-phenylalanyl-L-proline

In the manner described in example 24, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-phenylalanyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-phenylalanyl-L-proline.

The mass spectrum shows an ion at 406 m/e for the molecular ion minus water (424-18). The nmr spectrum in D_2O was consistent with structure.

EXAMPLE 32

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-cysteinyl-L-proline

In the manner described in example 24, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-S-benzylcysteinyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride. The product is treated with sodium in liquid ammonia to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-cysteinyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 33

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-histidinyl-L-leucine

In the manner described in example 24, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-histidinyl-L-leucine are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-histidinyl-L-leucine.

EXAMPLE 34

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-phenylalanyl-L-arginine

In the manner described in example 24,2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-phenylalanyl-L-arginine are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-phenylalanyl-L-arginine.

EXAMPLE 35

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-phenylalanyl-L-tryptophan

In the manner described in example 24, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-phenylalanyl-L-tryptophan are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-phenylalanyl-L-tryptophan.

EXAMPLE 36

N-[1-carboxy-3-(3-indolyl)propyl]-L-alanyl-L-proline

In the manner described in example 24, 4-(3-indolyl)-2-oxobutyric acid and L-alanyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-[1-carboxy-3-(3-indolyl)propyl]L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 37

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-3,4-dehydroproline

Stir a mixture of 3,4-dehydroproline (2.3 g), t-Boc-L-alanine N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (7.2 g) and sodium carbonate (2.5 g) in a dioxane-water mixture at 0° overnight. Neutralize to pH 8 with HCl. Concentrate to a small volume in vacuo and freeze-dry. Remove the t-Boc protecting group with trifluoracetic acid in the usual manner and chromatograph on Dowex-50 (H+), eluting with 2% pyridine in water as described in example 2. Isolate the dipeptide by freeze-drying. Couple this product with 2-keto-4-phenylbutyric acid in the manner described in example 24 to obtain the product as a mixture of diastereoisomers. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 490 m/e for the disilylated species.

The diastereomeric mixture (140 mg) produced above is separated into its components by chromatography on XAD-2 resin as described in Example 25. The major component (70 mg) is first off the column α_D -143° (c = 1.3 methanol). The mass spectrum of each component shows a molecular ion at 490 m/e for ditrimethylsilylated species.

EXAMPLE 38

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-2-methyl-thiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid

Prepare this compound in the manner described in Example 37, substituting 2.9 g of 2-methyl-thiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid for the 2.3 g of 3,4-dehydroproline.

EXAMPLE 39

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-2-methylalanine

Prepare this compound in the manner described in example 37, substituting 1.8 g of 2-methylalanine for the 2.3g of 3,4-dehydroproline.

EXAMPLE 40

Dry filled capsules containing 50 mg. of active ingredient per capsule

	Per Capsule
N-(1-carboxy-2-phenylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline	50 mg.
Lactose	149 mg.
Magnesium Stearate	1 mg.
Capsule (Size No. 1)	200 mg.

The N-(1-carboxy-2-phenylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline is reduced to a No. 60 powder and then lactose and magnesium stearate are passed through a No. 60 bolting cloth onto the powder and the combined ingredients admixed for 10 minutes and then filled into a No. 1 dry gelatin capsule.

EXAMPLE 41

N-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-Phenylpropyl)-L-Alanyl-L-Proline

A solution of L-alanyl-L-proline (7.7 g) and ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate (42.6 g) in 140 ml of ethanol is stirred with 64 g of powdered molecular sieves at room temperature for 0.5 hr. A solution of sodium cyanoborohydride (2.6 g) in 40 ml ethanol is then added slowly over the course of 6 hours. After filtering off the sieves the reaction mixture is concentrated under vacuum to a small volume. The residue is distributed between $CHCl_3$ and water.

The pH is adjusted to 8.5 and the $CHCl_3$ layer is separated and discarded. The aqueous layer is acidified to pH 2.7, and the product is extracted into chloroform. The chloroform extract is dried over Na_2SO_4 and concentrated under vacuum to yield 10.4 g of mixed diastereomers. HPLC indicates the major product is the desired N-(1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 42

N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline maleate salt

A solution of N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl-L-proline, mixed isomers (13.8 g), in 69 ml of acetonitrile is treated with 4.25 g of maleic acid in 69 ml of acetonitrile. After stirring for 1 hr. at room temperature, the solid is filtered, washed with acetonitrile and air dried to yield 8.4 g of maleate salt, m.p. 141-145°, by HPLC ca 96% pure. The crude maleate salt is recrystallized from acetonitrile to yield 7.1 g of N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline maleate salt, m.p. 148-150°, by HPLC ca 99% pure.

EXAMPLE 43

A. N-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A mixture of 0.814 g of L-alanyl-L-proline, 0.206 g of ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate, and 1.6 g of molecular sieves in 10 ml ethanol is hydrogenated at room temperature under 40 pounds pressure with 0.1 g of 10% Pd on carbon as catalyst. After uptake of hydrogen ceased the crude product obtained by filtration and concentration is absorbed on ion exchange resin,

(Dowex 50, H^+, and eluted with 2% pyridine in water to yield 0.224 g of N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. HPLC indicates a 55:45 isomer ratio.

B. N-[1-(S)-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanyl-L-proline maleic acid salt

A mixture of 3 g. of L-alanyl-L-proline, 5 g. of ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenyl-butanoate, 13 g. of 3A molecular sieves, and 3.6 g. of Raney nickel in 85 ml of ethanol is hydrogenated at 25°C. and at 40 psig of hydrogen until uptake of hydrogen ceases. The solids are filtered, washed with 80 ml. of ethanol and the filtrates are combined. Assay by high pressure liquid chromatography shows an 87:13 ratio of diastereoisomers in favor of the desired product. Ethanol is removed under vacuum to afford an oil which is dissolved in 60 ml. of water and 20 ml. of ethyl acetate. The pH of the stirred two-phase mixture is adjusted to 8.6 with 50% NaOH. The layers are separated and the water phase is extracted with 2 x 20 ml more of ethyl acetate. The water phase is adjusted to pH 4.25 with hydrochloric acid, 12 g. of NaCl is dissolved in the water, and product is extracted with 5 x 12 ml of ethyl acetate. The extracts are combined and dried with Na_2SO_4. The desired product, N-[1-(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanyl-L-proline, is crystallized as its maleate salt by addition of 1.86 g. of maleic acid. After stirring for 4 hours, the salt is filtered, washed with ethyl acetate and dried to afford 5.2 g. of pure product, m.p. 150-151°C.

EXAMPLE 44

N-(1-benzyloxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of L-alanyl-L-proline (167 mg) and benzyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate (1.20 g) in 5 ml of ethanol is stirred at room temperature with 3 g of powdered molecular sieves, type 4A. Sodium cyanoborohydride (75 mg) is then added in portions over the course of three hours. The product is purified by absorption on strong cation exchange resin and elution with 2% pyridine in water. After passage through a gel filtration (LH-20) column 220 mg of N-(1-benzyloxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-prolin is obtained as a mixture of isomers. Thin layer chromatography on silica gel eluted with 1 EtOAc, 1 n-butanol, 1 H_2O, 1 HOAc shows one main spot, R_f 0.71. Isomers are separated using reverse phase HPLC to yield N-(1(S)-benzyloxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline.

In a similar fashion N-acetylaminoethyl-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate and L-alanyl-L-proline when reduced with sodium cyanoborohydride gives N-[1-(2-acetylamino)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanyl-L-proline.

Similarly dimethylaminoethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate and L-alanyl-L-proline gives N-[1-(2-dimethylamino)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-alanyl-L-proline.

Similarly, benzyl 2-oxo-5-methylhexanoate and L-alanyl-L-proline give N-(1-benzyloxycarbonyl-4-methylpentyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 45

N-(1-butoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of N-benzyloxycarbonyl-L-alanyl-L-proline 3° butyl ester (452 mg) in 5 ml of benzene is hydrogenated over 150 mg of 10% Pd on carbon to remove the nitrogen protecting group. After filtration and evaporation of the solvent, the L-alanyl-L-proline 3° butyl ester is dissolved in 8 ml of tetrahydrofuran and treated with 1.41 g of butyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate and 3 g of powdered molecular sieves. Sodium cyanoborohydride (150 mg) is added in portions over the course of several hours, and the mixture stirred at room temperature overnight. After filtration and concentration under vacuum the residue is treated with 25 ml of trifluoroacetic acid at room temperature for 2 hours. After removal of the acid the product is purified by absorption on ion exchange resin and by gel filtration (LH-20). Concentration and drying of product rich cuts affords 182 mg of N-(1-butoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline as a mixture of isomers. Thin layer chromatography (silica gel, 1 EtOAc, 1 butanol, 1 H_2O, 1 HOAc) shows two spots, R_f 0.67 and 0.72. The mass spectrum shows peaks at 548 (disilylated molecular ion) and 476 (monosilylated molecular ion). Isomers are separated using reverse phase HPLC to yield N-(1(S)-butoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 46

N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline ethyl ester

A solution of 0.63 g of N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline in 9.7 ml of ethanol is saturated with HCl gas at 0°. After standing overnight at room temperature the HCl and ethanol is removed under vacuum to yield a light yellow oil which is purified by gel filtration (LH-20 column). The yield of N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline ethyl ester is 0.39 g, one spot by thin layer chromatography. The nmr spectrum indicates two ethyl groups per aromatic ring. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 404 m/e.

EXAMPLE 47

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-4α-methoxyproline

Prepare methyl L-4α-methoxyprolinate hydrochloride from L-hydroxyproline by the method of E. Adams et al., J. Biol. Chem., 208, 573 (1954), esterifying with methanolic hydrogen chloride in the standard manner. Couple with Boc-L-alanine in methylene chloride with dicyclohexylcarbodiimide as previously described, purifying the intermediate Boc-L-Ala-L-methoxy-Pro-OMe by chromatography on silica gel eluting with ethyl acetate:hexane 1:1. Hydrolyze the ester with sodium hydroxide in acetonitrile-water, adjust the pH to 7.5, freeze dry, and deprotect the amine in 4M hydrogen chloride in ethyl acetate in the usual manner. Condense 0.54 g of this L-alanyl-L-4α-methoxyproline with 2.0 g of 2-oxo-4-

phenylbutyric acid in 6 ml of water, employing 0.43 g of sodium cyanoborohydride in the manner described in Example 24. Isolate as described in that example to obtain 0.92 g of a mixture of diastereoisomers of N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-4α-methoxyproline. The nmr spectrum in D_2O shows a split doublet centered at 1.58 ppm (3H), singlets at 3.37 (3H) and 7.35 ppm (5H), complex absorption in the 1.9-3.5 region and a broad multiplet at 4.0-4.6 ppm. The mass spectrum shows prominent peaks at m/e=360 (M-18) and 256 (M-122).

EXAMPLE 48

N-(1-benzyloxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-4α-methoxyproline

Couple L-alanyl-L-4α-methoxyproline, prepared as in Example 47 above, with benzyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate in ethanol using sodium cyanoborohydride by the method described in Example 44 to obtain the mixture of diastereosimers of N-(1-benzyloxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. Isomers are separated using reverse phase HPLC to yield N-(1(S)-benzyloxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 49

N-(1-benzylaminocarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Prepare the benzylamide of 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid by dissolving 3.0 g of this acid, 2.4 ml of benzylamine, and 4.7 ml of diphenylphosphorylazide in 60 ml of cold dimethylformamide and adding dropwise 2.6 ml of triethylamine in DMF, holding the temperature at about -10°C for 2.5 hours. Store overnight at room temperature, strip off the DMF in vacuo, and partition the residue between water and ethyl acetate. Chromatograph the contents of

the organic layer on silica gel, eluting with ethyl acetate:hexane 1:4. Evaporate the solvent from the product fractions to obtain 2.2 g of crystalline N-benzyl-2-oxo-4-phenylbutyramide. Couple 1.26 g of this with 0.19 g of L-Ala-L-Pro using .125 g of sodium cyanoborohydride in ethanol in the manner described in Example 44. Purify the crude product by gel filtration (LH-20) to obtain the mixture of diastereoisomers of N-(1-benzylaminocarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. The nmr spectrum ($CDCl_3$) shows a doublet at 1.1 ppm (3H) a close pair of singlets at 7.3 (10H), and complex absorption at 1.6-2.3 (6H), 2.3-2.9 (2H), 2.9-3.8 (4H) and 4.0-4.6 (3H). The mass spectrum of silylated material shows prominent peaks at m/e = 509 (monosilyl derivative and 581 (disilyl derivative).

EXAMPLE 50

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-N-methyl-phenylalanine

By substituting N-methyl-L-phenylalanine methyl ester for the thiazolidine carboxylic ester of Example 20, prepare L-alanyl-N-methyl-L-phenylalanine. Condense 0.85 g of this with 3.02 g of 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid employing 0.64 g of sodium cyanoborohydride in water as described. Acidify the mixture to pH 1.5 and extract into ether. Strip off the ether, dissolve the residue in 70% methanol-water, and chromatograph on Dowex 50 (H^+) made up in that solvent, eluting with a solution of 3% pyridine in the same solvent mixture. Combine product fractions, concentrate, freeze-dry, and purify on LH-20 in methanol to obtain .54 g of the mixture of isomers of N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-N-methylphenylalanine. The nmr spectrum (D_2O, NaOD) exhibits a doublet centered at 1.18 ppm (3H), two overlapping singlets at 7.3 (IOH), a singlet

at 2.95 (3H), and broad multiple absorpttions in the 1.4 to 2.1 and 2.3 to 4.4 ranges. The mass spectrum of silylated material shows the molecular ion of the disilylated material at m/e = 556.

EXAMPLE 51

N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline amide

Prepare L-alanyl-L-proline amide by coupling t-Boc-L-alanine with L-proline amide by established methods employing dicyclohexylcarbodiimide in 4:1 methylene chloride:DMF. Purify the intermediate t-Boc-L-Ala-L-Pro-NH_2 by chromatography on LH-20 in methanol, then remove the t-Boc protecting group in 4M HCl in ethyl acetate. Couple 0.5 g of this L-Ala-L-Pro-NH_2.HCl in 10 ml of absolute ethanol neutralized with an equivalent of triethyl amine with 2.4 g of ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate using molecular sieves and 0.30 g of sodium cyanoborohydride as described in Example 41. In this present example the product is found in the chloroform extract at pH 8.5; concentrate it in vacuo, dissolve in 50% ethanol-water, chromatograph on Dowex 50 (H^+) made up in 50% ethanol-water, and elute with 2% pyridine in this solvent. Combine the product fractions, and purify further by chromatography on LH-20 in methanol. Strip off the solvent in vacuo to obtain 0.40 g of N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline amide as a mixture of diastereoisomers. The nmr spectrum ($CDCl_3$) exhibits a triplet overlapping a doublet at 1.1-1.5 ppm (6H), a series of five multiplets in the range 1.5-4.7 ppm (15H) and a singlet at 7.17 ppm (5H). The mass spectrum on silylated material shows prominent peaks at m/e = 477 (monosilyl derivatives) and 519 (disilyl derivative).

EXAMPLE 52

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline amide

Couple L-alanyl-L-proline amide, prepared as in Example 51, with 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid employing sodium cyanoborohydride in 50% ethanol-water by the method described in example 2. After eluting from the ion-exchange resin, concentrate in vacuo to a small volume, flush with water, and freeze-dry to obtain N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline amide as a mixture of diastereoisomers.

EXAMPLE 53

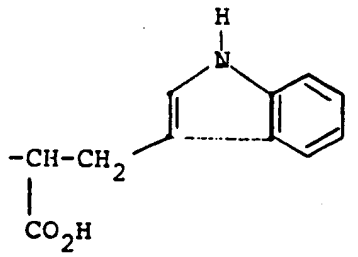
N-(1(S)-hydroxyaminocarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

To a cold solution of 0.19 g of N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline maleate salt, prepared as in Example 42, in 1 ml of ethanol, add 0.85 g of potassium hydroxide in .57 ml of ethanol. Then add dropwise a suspension of 0.07 g of hydroxylamine hydrochloride in 0.9 ml of ethanol containing .060 g of potassium hydroxide. Hold in an ice bath for two hours, then at room temperature overnight. Decant the supernatant, dilute with 10 ml of water, adjust the pH to 2.5 with hydrochloric acid, and wash with chloroform. Neutralize and freeze-dry the aqueous layer and purify by chromatography on XAD-2 resin in a gradient of 0.1 M ammonium hydroxide methanol to obtain the N-(1-(S)-hydroxyaminocarbonyl3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. The mass spectrum of silylated material shows an ion at m/e = 579 for the trisilylated derivative, and the nmr is consistant with the structure.

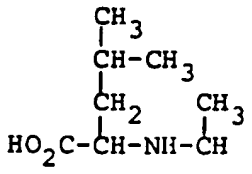
EXAMPLE 54

N-(1-carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-alanyl-L-tryptophan

A solution of the sodium salt of 4-methyl-2-oxopentanoic acid (414 mg) and L-alanyl-L-tryptophan (150 mg) in water are adjusted to pH 7 with caustic and treated with sodium cyanoborohydride (103 mg) at room temperature for several days. The product is absorbed on strong acid ion exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water. The product rich cuts are freeze dried affording 189 mg of fluffly white solid. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 389 m/e and peaks at 187 m/e and 158 m/e for the fragments shown respectively:



and



The nmr spectrum in D_2O is consistent with structure.

EXAMPLE 55

N-(1-carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-histidyl-L-leucine

In the manner described in Example 54, 4-methyl-2-oxopentanoic acid and L-histidyl-L-leucine are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-histidyl-L-leucine. In this case the product is

eluted from the ion exchange resin with 10% ammonia. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 408 m/e for the disilylated species minus 18. The nmr spectrum is consistent with structure.

EXAMPLE 56

N-(1-Carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-phenylalanyl-L-arginine

In the manner described in Example 54, 4-methyl-2-oxopentanoic acid and L-phenylalanyl-L-arginine are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-methylbutyl)-L-phenylalanyl-L-arginine. The product is eluted from the ion exchange resin with 10% ammonia. The nmr spectrum was consistent with structure.

EXAMPLE 57

A. N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline (hydrochloride salt)

In the manner described in Example 56, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and ε-t-BOC-L-lysyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride. Essentially all of the ε-t-BOC protecting group is cleaved when the product is absorbed on strong acid ion exchange resin. The crude N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline is eluted from the resin with 10% ammonia, freeze dried, and purified by gel filtration chromatography (LH-20). A minute peak for t-BOC protons in the nmr spectrum disappears when the product is treated with ethyl acetate that is 4N in hydrogen chloride gas. The nmr spectrum of the resulting HCl salt of the product is consistent with structure. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 693 m/e for the tetrasilylated species. Chromatography on XAD-2 resin using 3.5% acetonitrile in 0.1 molar ammonium hydroxide affords N-α-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline.

B. N-α-(1-(S)-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

In the manner described in Example 54, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and N-ε-t-Boc-L-lysyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride. The product is absorbed on strong acid ion exchange resin, and eluted with 2% pyridine in water. Product-rich cuts are stripped to a glass and treated with 4N HCl in ethylacetate to remove the t-Boc protecting group. The resulting hydrochloride salt is converted to the free base by absorbing on strong acid ion exchange resin and eluting with 2% pyridine in water. Freeze drying of product-rich cuts affords N-α-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline as a white fluffy solid. The nmr spectrum is consistent with structure. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 549 for the disilylated species. Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

EXAMPLE 58

N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-3-fluoroalanyl-L-proline

To a solution of L-3-fluoroalanine (420 mg) in 4 ml acetone-water (1:1) is added triethylamine (590 mg) and 2-t-butoxycarbonyloximino-2-phenylacetonitrile (1.060 g). The mixture is stirred 2.5 hr. Cold 5% aqueous potassium bicarbonate solution is added and the mixture is extracted with ethyl acetate. The aqueous phase is acidified with cold 1N hydrochloric acid and extracted with ethyl acetate. The latter extract is washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to dryness to give L-t-BOC-3-fluoroalanine (800 mg), m.p. 91-93°.

To a stirred solution of the latter (800 mg) and proline benzyl ester (1.5 g) in methylene chloride (8 ml) at 0° is added dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (845 mg) in methylene chloride (6 ml) and the mixture is kept at 0° for 2 hr and 20° for 18 hr. The mixture is filtered, the precipitate washed with methylene chloride and the combined filtrate and washings extracted with cold 1N hydrochloric acid, cold 5% aqueous potassium bicarbonate, saturated aqueous sodium chloride, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to dryness. Dry column chromatography on silica gel H eluting with 6% acetone in chloroform gives the pure protected dipeptide.

The t-boc group is removed by treatment with 4N hydrogen chloride in ethyl acetate (8 ml) at 0° for 1 hr. Ether (~20 ml) is added and the precipitated L-3-fluoroalanyl-L-proline benzyl ester hydrochloride (450 mg), m.p. 158-161°, is collected by filtration. Hydrogenation in 6 ml water and 2 ml ethanol over 60 mg of 10% palladium on charcoal at 1 atmosphere pressure and 20°C for 90 minutes followed by filtration and concentration to dryness yields L-3-fluoroalanyl-L-proline hydrochloride (330 mg). The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 348 m/e for the ditrimethylsilylated species.

To a mixture of 4-phenyl-2-oxobutyric acid (375 mg) and L-fluoroalanyl-L-proline hydrochloride (100 mg) in 3 ml of water (pH adjusted to 7 with sodium hydroxide) is added sodium cyanoborohydride (80 mg). The mixture is stirred 20 hr. and worked up as described in Example 24. The mass spectrum of the LH-20 purified product shows a

molecular ion at 510 m/e for the ditrimethylsilylated species; tlc - silica gel plate single spot R_F = 0.7 - system 1:1:1:1 ethyl acetate:acetic acid:n-butanol:water.

The diastereomers are separated on XAD-2 resin as described in Example 25.

N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-3-fluoroalanyl-L-proline is prepared as described in Example 26.

EXAMPLE 59

N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-3,4-dehydroproline

By the procedure of Example 26 L-alanyl-L-3,4-dehydroproline produced as in Example 37 is converted into N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-3,4-dehydroproline as a two component diastereomeric mixture, tlc-silica gel plate R_F 0.82 (major) and R_f 0.79 (minor), two developments system 4:1:1 - n-butanol:water:acetic acid. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 518 m/e for the ditrimethylsilylated species.

EXAMPLE 60

N-[1(S)-methoxycarbonyl-2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-DL-alanyl-L-proline

In a manner similar to Example 16, L-histidine methyl ester is condensed with pyruvoyl-L-proline in the presence of sodium cyano borohydride to yield N-[1-methoxycarbonyl-2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)ethyl]-DL-alanyl-L-proline. The nmr spectrum in D_2O shows the imidazole protons at 8.6 and 7.3; the protons adjacent to the imidazole and the methyl ester protons at 3.7 and the alanyl methyl at 1.1 to 1.3δ.

EXAMPLE 61

N-[1(S)-carboxy-2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-ethyl]-DL-alanyl-L-proline

In a manner similar to Example 18 the product from Example 58 is hydrolyzed to give the expected diacid. The nmr spectrum in D_2O shows the imidazole protons at 7.2 and at 8.5; and the alanine methyl at 1.25δ.

EXAMPLE 62

N-(1(S)-Ethoxycarbonyl-5-aminopentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of ε-benzyloxycarbonyl-L-lysine ethyl ester hydrochloride (2.94 g.) in water (10 ml.) is made basic with 15 ml. of saturated aqueous potassium bicarbonate and extracted with CH_2Cl_2. The extract is dried over $MgSO_4$ and concentrated to dryness. The residue, ε-Benzyl oxycarbonyl-L-lysine ethyl ester, is dissolved in THF (20 ml.) and pyruvoylproline (555 mg.) and powdered No. 4A molecular sieves (1.0 g.) are added. The mixture is stirred at room temperature for 4 hours. Sodium cyanoborohydride (630 mg.) in 1 ml. of CH_3OH is added over 2 hours and the mixture is stirred overnight. It is then filtered, concentrated to dryness, and the residue partitioned between water (10 ml.) and CH_2Cl_2 (15 ml.). The aqueous phase is absorbed on strong acid ion-exchange resin and eluted with 4% pyridine in water to yield 470 mg. of N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-5-benzyloxycarbonylaminopentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline. The protecting group is removed by hydrogenation in ethanol-water 1:1 over 10% Pd/c catalyst at 40 ps.i. The mixture is filtered and the filtrate taken to dryness. The residue in methanol is chromatographed on an LH-20 column to give the desired N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-5-aminopentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline. The nmr (D_2O) and mass spectrum following trimethylsilylation confirm the structure.

EXAMPLE 63

N-(1(S)-Carboxy-5-aminopentyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-5-benzyloxycarbonyl-aminopentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline, as prepared in Example 62, is treated with 0.1M NaOH at room temperature overnight. After absorption of the product on strong acid ion-exchange resin, it is eluted with 4% pyridine in water to yield N-(1(S)-carboxy-5-benzyloxycarbonylaminopentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline, single spot by tlc (Rf 0.4 - butanol: water:pyridine:acetic acid 10:4:3:1). In a manner similar to Example 62, the protecting group is removed by hydrogenation to yield N-(1(S)-carboxy-5-aminopentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline. The mass spectrum of the trimethylsilylated product is in accord with the structure, having a mass peak at 531 m/e. Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

EXAMPLE 64

N-(1-Carboxy-6-aminohexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Benzyl 2-oxo-7-phthalimidoheptanoate (prepared by alkylation of benzyl 1,3-dithiane-2-carboxylate with 5-phthalimidopentyl bromide and subsequent oxidative conversion to the ketone with N-bromosuccinimide) is condensed with L-alanyl-L-proline in the presence of excess $NaBH_3CN$. The condensation product, N-(1-benzyloxycarbonyl-6-phthalimidohexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline, (390 mg.) in 25 ml of 50% aqueous ethanol is hydrogenated at 40 psi over 10% palladium on charcoal. Removal of solvent and catalyst yields N-(1-carboxy-6-phthalimidohexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (320 mg) having the expected spectral and chromatographic properties. A portion of the above intermediate (152 mg) in 2 ml of ethanol is refluxed with hydrazine (32 mg) for 1.5 hours. The phthalhydrazide is removed by filtration; the ethanol is removed under vacuum and the r sidue is

absorbed n strong acid ion-exchange resin. Elution with 2% aqueous pyridine and freeze-drying gives the desired N-(1-carboxy-6-aminohexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (58 mg.). The spectral data are consistent with structure. The mass spectrum shows a peak at 311 for the molecular ion minus water (329 - 18).

EXAMPLE 65

N-(1-Benzyloxycarbonyl-6-aminohexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

By performing the hydrazinolysis as described in Example 64 on N-(1-benzyloxycarbonyl-6-phthalimidohexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline a mixture is obtained from which N-(1-benzyloxycarbonyl-6-aminohexyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline may be isolated.

EXAMPLE 66

N-(1-Carboxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A slurry of phenoxypyruvic acid (1.8 g)(prepared by the condensation of ethyl phenoxyacetate with diethyl oxalate, followed by acid catalyzed hydrolysis and decarboxylation) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.37 g) in 10 ml of water is adjusted to pH 7 with dilute NaOH. The mixture is treated with $NaBH_3CN$ (0.18 g)and allowed to stir at room temperature for 5 days. On the second and third days additional ketoacid (0.9 g)and sodium cyanoborohydride (0.18 g) are added. The product is adsorbed on strong acid ion-exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water to yield, after freeze-drying, 0.5 g of N-(1-carboxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. The nmr is consistent with structure. The mass spectrum shows a peak at 479 for th silylated molecular ion minus methyl (494-15).

EXAMPLE 67

N-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenoxyethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

By reacting ethyl phenoxy pyruvate (prepared from the acid by acid catalyzed esterification) and L-alanyl-L-proline with $NaCNBH_3$ in ethanol solution and isolating the product as described in Example 66, N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenoxyethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline is obtained.

EXAMPLE 68

N-(1-Carboxy-2-phenylthioethyl)L-alanyl-L-proline

A mixture of phenylthiopyruvic acid (1.96 g) (prepared by the condensation of ethyl phenylthioacetate with diethyloxalate, followed by acid catalyzed hydrolysis and decarboxylation) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.37 g.) in 10 ml H_2O is adjusted to pH 7.0 with dilute NaOH and treated with $NaBH_3CN$ (0.18 g) in 2 ml H_2O. After stirring overnight at room temperature the product is absorbed on strong acid ion-exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water to yield 0.36 g. of N-(1-carboxy-2-phenylthioethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. The nmr and mass spectrum indicate the desired structure. A mass peak at 348 indicates the molecular ion (366) -water (18).

EXAMPLE 69

N-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenylthioethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

The reaction of ethyl phenylthiopyruvate (prepared from the acid by esterification) and L-alanyl-L-proline with $NaBH_3CN$ in ethanol solution as described in Example 68 and the product isolated as described therein yields N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenylthioethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 70

N-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of ethyl 4-p-chlorophenyl-2-oxobutyrate (prepared from the acid by esterification with ethanol in refluxing CCl_4) and L-alanyl-L-proline in ethanol is treated with excess $NaBH_3CN$ and stirred at room temperature until reaction is complete. The ethanol is removed under vacuum and the product is absorbed on strong acid ion-exchange resin. Elution with 2% pyridine in water yields N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 71

N-[1-Carbethoxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-L-alanyl-L-proline

In the manner described in Example 26, the ethyl ester of indole-3-pyruvic acid is condensed with L-alanyl-L-proline in 1:1 ethanol:water solution by means of sodium cyanoborohydride. Isolation on Dowex 50 as described affords the mixture of isomers of N-[1-carbethoxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 72

N-(1-Carbethoxy-2-p-aminomethylphenylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Condense ethyl 2-oxo-3-p-cyanophenylpropanoate (prepared by coupling p-cyanobenzyl bromide with ethyl 1,3-dithiane-2-carboxylate and subsequent oxidative hydrolysis in the manner described by Eliel and Hartmann, J. Org. Chem., 37, 505 (1972)) with L-alanyl-L-proline and purify the product by the method described in Example 1. Hydrogenate the resulting mixture of isomers of N-(1-carbethoxy-2-p-cyanophenylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline in ethanol solution containing hydrogen chloride and palladium on carbon catalyst. Distill off the solvent and excess HCl in vacuo, flush with ethanol, and concentrate to dryness to obtain the hydrochlorides of the mixture of diastereoisomers of the desired compound.

EXAMPLE 73

N-(1-Carboxy-2-p-aminomethylphenylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Treat a sample of N-(1-carbethoxy-2-p-cyanophenylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline, prepared in Example 72, with one equivalent of sodium hydroxide in a mixture of methanol and water as solvent at room temperature overnight. Distill off the solvents in vacuo to obtain the sodium salts of the mixture of isomers of N-(1-carboxy-2-cyanophenylethyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. Hydrogenate this mixture in ethanolic hydrogen chloride solution and work up as described in Example 72 to obtain the hydrochlorides of the mixture of diastereoisomers of the desired compound.

EXAMPLE 74

N-(1-Carbethoxy-2(S)-amino-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

To a mixture of N-phthaloyl-L-2-amino-3-phenylpropionaldehyde (Peterson et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc., 79 1389 (1957)) (2.18 g) and potassium metabisulfite (.87 g) in water:methanol 1:1, add sodium cyanide (.55 g) with vigorous stirring. Stir for 90 minutes, dilute with ethyl acetate and filter. Wash the organic layer with water and dry over magnesium sulfate. Remove the solvent in vacuo to obtain N-phthaloyl-3-amino-4-phenyl-2-hydroxybutyronitrile, tlc in ethyl acetate: hexane 1:1, r_f 0.5.

Allow a solution of this material in anhydrous ethanol which is saturated with ammonia to stand for 6 days at room temperature. Remove the solvent, take up the residue in dioxane: conc. hydrochloric acid (1:1), warm to 70° and hold at that temperature for 20 hours. Evaporate the solution to dryness, slurry the residue with warm water, filter, and purify on a strong acid cation exchange resin in the usual manner to obtain (2R,S;3S)-2-amino-4-phenyl-3-phthaloylaminobutanoic acid. Dissolve the acid in anhydrous ethanol, pass in anhydrous hydrogen chloride until saturated, and hold for 16 hours at room temperature. Remove the solvent in vacuo to obtain the ethyl ester hydrochloride of the amino acid.

Condense this ethyl 2-amino-4-phenyl-3-phthalylamino butanoate with pyruvoyl-L-proline by means of sodium cyanoborohydride in the manner described in Example 16 to obtain N-(1-carbethoxy-3-phenyl-2-phthaloylaminopropyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline as a mixture of isomers. Reflux this material in ethanol with one equivalent of hydrazine for 1.5 hours, cool and filter off the phthalhydrazide, and

isolate the desired product from the resulting mixture by chromatographic methods to obtain N-(1-carbethoxy-2-(S)-amino-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-lanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 75

N-(1-Carboxy-2-(S)-amino-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

Condense 2-amino-4-phenyl-3-(S)-3-phthaloylamino butanoic acid, prepared in Example 74, with pyruvoyl-L-proline by means of sodium cyanoborohydride in the manner described in Example 16 to obtain N-(1-carboxy-3-phenyl-2-phthaloylamino-D,L-alanyl-L-proline as a mixture of isomers. Reflux this material in ethanol with one equivalent of hydrazine for 1.5 hours, cool, filter off the phthalhydrazide, and isolate the desired product by chromatographic methods to obtain the title compound.

EXAMPLE 76

N-(1-Carboxy-2-(S)-benzoylamino-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

Allow a solution of N-phthaloyl-3-amino-4-phenyl-2-hydroxy butyronitrile (prepared in Example 74) in ethanol saturated with anhydrous ammonia to stand for 3 days at room temperature. Remove the solvent *in vacuo* and reflux the residue for 6 hours in concentrated hydrochloric acid. Evaporate to dryness, and purify the residue on a column of Dowex-50 (H+) ion-exchange resin, eluting in sequence with water-methanol 10:1, water-pyridine 50:1, and finally 0.5 M ammonium hydroxide solution. Isolate the desired 2,3-diamino-4-phenyl propionic acid from this last eluant by concentration to dryness. Prepare a solution of the copper complex of this amino acid and benzoylate the 3-amino group *in situ* with benzoyl chloride under basic conditions, all by the method described by R. Roeske et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, *78*, 5883

(1956). Cleave the copper complex with hydrogen sulfide and work up as described therein to obtain the 2-amino-3-(S)-benzoylamino-4-phenyl butyric acid. Condense this intermediate with pyruvoyl-2-proline by means of sodium cyanoborohydride in the manner described in Example 16 to obtain the desired N-(1-carboxy-2-(S)-benzoylamino-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline as a mixture of isomers which may be separated by chromatographic methods if desired.

EXAMPLE 77

N-(1-Carbethoxy-2-(S)-benzoylamino-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

Treat 2-amino-3-benzoylamino-4-phenylbutyric acid (prepared in Example 76) with a saturated solution of hydrogen chloride in absolute ethanol for 4 hours, then strip off the solvent in vacuo to obtain ethyl 2-amino-3-benzoylamino-4-phenyl butyrate hydrochloride. Condense this intermediate with pyruvoyl-L-proline by means of sodium cyanoborohydride in the manner described in Example 16 and isolate as described therein to obtain the title compound.

EXAMPLE 78

N-[2-Amino-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl]-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of 0.731 g. of trans-3-amino-4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-azetidinone (prepared by chlorosulfonyl isocyanate addition to 4-methyl-1-pentene; the obtained β-lactam is protected as the t-butyldimethylsilyl derivative and then treated with lithium diisopropylamide followed by tosyl azide and chlorotrimethylsilane. Acidic work up and silica gel chromatography affords the trans-3-azido-4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-azetidinone which is hydrogenated (10% Pd/C ethanol) to the amino derivativ)

and 4.58 g. of benzyl pyruvate in 20 ml of absolute ethanol containing 10 g of powdered 4A molecular sieves is treated dropwise with a solution of sodium cyanoborohydride (0.65 g) in 8 ml of absolute ethanol until reaction is complete. The reaction mixture is filtered and the filtrate concentrated. The residue is dissolved in 50 ml of water and acidified with 1N HCl to pH = 3. The mixture is readjusted to pH = 9.5 with 10% sodium carbonate solution. The aqueous solution is saturated with sodium chloride and extracted with ethyl acetate (5 x 40 ml). The combined organic layers are dried (sodium sulfate) and concentrated to give an oil (4.94 g.). Chromatography on silica gel (ethyl acetate) affords 1.11 g of product. NMR and mass spectrogram are consistent with the structure N-[trans-4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-oxo-3-azetidinyl]-D,L-alanine benzyl ester. Debenzylation is accomplished by catalytic hydrogenation (10% Pd/C, 2:1 ethanol:water). A cold solution (0°) of the acid (428 mg) and L-proline t-butyl ester (377 mg) in 5 ml of dimethylformamide is treated with a solution of diphenylphosphoryl azide (605 mg) in 5 ml of dimethylformamide and then with a solution of triethylamine (223 mg in 5 ml of dimethylformamide) over 20 minutes. After three hours the ice bath is removed and the reaction mixture permitted to stir at ambient temperatures overnight. Ethyl acetate (100 ml) is added and the resulting solution washed with water (2 x 40 ml), 5% sodium carbonate solution (3 x 30 ml), and water (1 x 50 ml) before drying with sodium sulfate. Concentration affords an oil, 0.78 g, whose nmr and mass spectrum are consistent with the N-[trans-4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-oxo-3-azetidinyl]-D,L-alanyl-L-proline t-butyl ester structure. The crude product is dissolved in 25 ml

of trifluoroacetic acid (at 0°). The reaction mixture is stirred at 0° for twenty minutes and then at room temperature for 2-1/2 hrs. The reaction mixture is concentrated to dryness and the residue treated with 1N NaOH (30 ml) for 4.5 hr. at room temperature. The basic mixture is slowly added to a strong acid ion-exchange resin and the product recovered with 2% pyridine in water. Freeze-drying affords 0.30 g of N-[2-amino-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl]-D,L-alanyl-L-proline which consists of four diastereomers (S,S,S,S; S,S,R,S; R,R,R,S; R,R,S,S) separable by chromatography. Nmr and mass spectrogram are consistent with structure. The nmr spectrum shows multiplets centered at 4.5, 3.85, 2.3, 1.79, and 1.16 ppm. The mass spectrogram shows a peak at 458 (disilylated molecular ion -15).

EXAMPLE 79

N-(2-Amino-1-ethoxycarbonyl-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

An intermediate in Example 78, N-(trans-4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-oxo-3-azetidinyl]-D,L-alanine (125 mg) is condensed with L-proline benzyl ester hydrochloride (167 mg) in the presence of diphenylphosphorylazide (191 mg) and triethylamine (140 mg) in dimethylformamide solution to yield 217 mg of N-[trans-4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-oxo-3-azetidionyl]-D,L-alanyl-L-proline benzyl ester. The benzyl protecting group is removed by hydrogenolysis and the β-lactam is opened with anhydrous sodium ethoxide in ethanol to yield N-(2-amino-1-ethoxycarbonyl-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 80

N-(2-Benzamido-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of N-(2-amino-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline (prepared as described in Example 78) in aqueous alkali is treated with benzoyl chloride to yield N-(2-benzamido-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 81

N-(2-Benzamido-1-ethoxycarbonyl-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of N-(2-amino-1-ethoxycarbonyl-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline (prepared as described in Example 79) in organic solvent is treated with benzoyl chloride to yield N-(2-benzamido-1-ethoxycarbonyl-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 82

N-α-[1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl]-L-arginyl-L-proline

In the manner described in Example 37, condense N-α-t-Boc-N-ω-nitro-L-arginine N-hydroxy succinimide ester with L-proline in dioxane-water, remove the N-α-t-Boc protecting group with trifluoracetic acid, and isolate the dipeptide as described. Couple with ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate as described in Example 26 and isolate as described to obtain material with the ω-nitrogen of the arginine still protected by the nitro group. Remove this protection by catalytic hydrogenation in ethanol-water-acetic acid over palladium on carbon catalyst at room temperature and 40 lbs. hydrogen pressure. Filter off the catalyst and distill off the solvents in vacuo to obtain the mixture of isomers of N-α-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-arginyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 83

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-homolysyl-L-proline

The condensation of N-ω-benzyloxy-carbonyl-N-α-3°-butoxycarbonyl-D,L-homolysine (prepared from homolysine via the copper complex) with L-proline 3° butyl ester is effected by means of diphenyl phosphorylazide. The 3° butyl groups are removed with trifluoroacetic acid and the product, N-ω-benzyloxycarbonyl-D,L-homolysyl-L-proline is reacted with 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and $NaBH_3CN$. The condensation product is de-benzylated by catalytic hydrogenation to yield N-α-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-homolysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 84

N-α-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-homolysyl-L-proline

The intermediate described in Example 83, N-ω-benzyloxycarbonyl-D,L-homolysyl-L-proline, is reacted with ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate and $NaBH_3CN$. The condensation product is hydrogenated over palladium on carbon to yield N-α-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-homolysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 85

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-Phenylpropyl)-β-amino-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

Under basic conditions, DL-α,β-diaminopropionic acid is reacted with excess benzyloxycarbonyl chloride to yield upon acidification D,L-α,β-bis(benzyloxycarbonyl-amino)-propionic acid (mp = 123.5 - 124°C). Phosphorous pentachloride is added to a chloroform solution containing the di-Cbz product to yield on workup D,L-4-(benzyloxy-carbonylaminomethyl)-oxazolidin-2,5-dione. A solution of L-proline t-butyl ester in methylene chloride is added to

the N-carboxyanhydride in tetrahydrofuran at -60°C. After overnight freezer storage, the mixture is stripped to dryness affording crude product. Trifluoroacetic acid effectively cleaves the t-butyl ester in 2 hours at room temperature resulting in a gross mixture of L-proline and β-benzyloxycarbonylamino-D,L-alanyl-L-proline. Gel filtration chromatography (LH-20) results in pure dipeptide. 2-Oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and benzyloxycarbonylamino-D,L-alanyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride. Removal of the protecting group from the resulting product yields N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-β-amino-D,L-alanyl-L-proline. The nmr (D_2O) is consistent with the structure.

EXAMPLE 86

N-α-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-β-amino-D,L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of β-benzyloxycarbonylamino-D,L-alanyl-L-proline (prepared as described in Example 85) and ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate are condensed in ethanol solution with $NaBH_3CN$. The protecting group is removed from the product by catalytic hydrogenation to yield N-α-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-β-amino-D,L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 87

N-(1-(S)-Carbethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-p-aminomethylphenylalanyl-L-proline

Hydrolyze ethyl 2-oxo-3-p-cyanophenylpropionate, prepared in Example 72, by stirring in 5% sodium hydroxide at room temperature overnight, washing the reaction mixture with ether, acidifying the aqueous layer to pH 2 with conc. HCl, extracting the product into a mixture of ether and ethyl acetate, and removing the solvent to obtain

2-oxo-3-p-cyanophenylpropionic acid. Reductively couple the acid with the ethyl ester of L-homophenylalanine in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride in the manner described in Example 13 and purify as described in that Example to obtain the mixture of diastereoisomers of N-(1-(S)-carbethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-p-cyanophenylalanine. Condense this with benzyl L-prolinate hydrochloride in dimethylformamide by the use of the diphenylphosphoryl azide reagent in the manner described in Example 13 to obtain the mixture of diastereoisomers of N-(1-(S)-carbethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-p-cyanophenylalanyl-L-proline benzyl ester. Hydrogenate this intermediate in ethanol containing hydrogen chloride over palladium on carbon catalyst as described in Example 72 and work up as outlined there to obtain the desired product as a mixture of diastereoisomers.

EXAMPLE 88

N-α-(1-(S)-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-p-aminomethylphenylalanyl-L-proline

Hydrolyze the N-(1-(S)-carbethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-p-cyanophenylalanyl-L-proline benzyl ester prepared in Example 87 by treating with two equivalents of sodium hydroxide in a mixture of methanol and water at room temperature overnight. Strip the solvent from the reaction mixture in vacuo and hydrogenate the residue in ethanolic hydrogen chloride as in Example 72 and work up as described there to obtain the mixture of diastereoisomers of the desired compound.

EXAMPLE 89

N-α-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-acetyl-L-lysyl-L-proline

In the manner described in Example 26, couple ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate with N-ε-acetyl-L-lysyl-L-proline in ethanol-water solution in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride. Isolate on Dowex-50 as described and freeze-dry the product-rich cuts to obtain the mixture of isomers of N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-acetyl-L-lysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 90

N-α-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-histidyl-L-proline

In the manner described in Example 26, couple ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate with L-histidyl-L-proline in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride. Purify as described to obtain the mixture of diastereoisomers of N-α-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-histidyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 91

A. N-α-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-α-naphthylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Ethyl 4-α-naphthyl-2-oxobutyrate (prepared by alkylation of ethyl 1,3-dithiane-2-carboxylate with 2-α-naphthylethyl bromide and subsequent conversion to the ketone with N-bromosuccinimide in aqueous acetone) is condensed with ε-3° butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline in ethanol in the presence of $NaBH_3CN$ and molecular sieves. The product is absorbed on strong acid ion-exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water. Removal of the t-Boc group is completed by treatment with 4.0 N HCl in ethyl acetate to yield N-α-(1-ethoxy-carbonyl-3-α-naphthylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline.

B. N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-α-naphthylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

A slurry of 4-α-naphthyl-2-oxobutyric acid (prepared from the ester by hydrolysis) in water is adjusted to pH 7 with dilute NaOH and freeze-dried. The residue is treated with ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline as described in Example 91A to yield N-α-(1-carboxy-3-α-naphthylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 92

N-α-(1-(S)-Carboxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

A solution of ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline (0.36 g) and 4-p-chlorophenyl-2-oxobutyric acid (1.1 g) in 5 ml of water is adjusted to pH 7 with dilute NaOH and treated with 0.07 g of $NaBH_3CN$ in 1 ml of water over the course of several hours. After stirring overnight at room temperature the product is absorbed on strong acid ion-exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water to yield 0.058 g of product. Nmr indicates the t-Boc protecting group is not completely removed. The product is treated with 4.5 N HCl in ethyl acetate, followed by ion-exchange isolation, to yield 0.048 g of N-α-(1-carboxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline. Nmr and mass spectrum are consistent with structure. A peak at 584 is found for the silylated molecular ion. Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

EXAMPLE 93

N-α-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-p-chlorophenyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

By condensing ethyl 4-p-chlorophenyl-2-oxobutyrate and ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline in ethanol solution with excess $NaBH_3CN$ and isolating product as described in Example 92, N-α-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline is obtained.

EXAMPLE 94

N-α-[1-Carboxy-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-propyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline

A solution of 4-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-2-oxo-butyric acid (prepared from the dichlorodihydrocinnamate ester by condensation with ethyl oxalate and subsequent acid catalyzed hydrolysis and partial decarboxylation) in water is treated as described in Example 92 to yield N-α-[1-carboxy-3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-propyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 95

N-α-[1(S)-Carboxy-3-(3-indolyl)propyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline

Prepare 2-oxo-4-(3-indolyl)-butyric acid from homotryptophane by the method described by Weygand et al., Ann. 658, 128 (1962). Condense this with ε-t-Boc-L-lysyl-L-proline in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride as described in Example 54 to obtain the crude mixture of diastereoisomers of N-α-(1-carboxy-3-(3-indolyl)propyl)-N-ε-t-Boc-L-lysyl-L-proline. Deprotect the lysine side chain by treatment with 4N hydrogen chloride in ethyl acetate and purify on a strong acid ion-exchange resin as described in that Example to obtain the desired product. Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

EXAMPLE 96

N-α-(6-Amino-1-carboxyhexyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Benzyl 2-oxo-7-phthalimidoheptanoate and ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline are condensed with excess $NaBH_3CN$ in ethanol solution to yield N-α-(1-benzyloxy-carbonyl-6-phthalimidohexyl)-N-ε-3° butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline. Removal of the benzyl group by hydrogenation over Pd, removal of the t-boc group with 4.5 N HCl in ethyl acetate, and removal of the phthalimido group by treatment with hydrazine yields N-α-(6-amino-1-carboxy-hexyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 97

N-α-(6-Amino-1-benzyloxycarbonylhexyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Treatment of N-α-(1-benzyloxycarbonyl-6-phthalimidohexyl)-N-ε-3° butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline (prepred as described in Example 96) with 4.0 N HCl in ethyl acetate and then with an equivalent of hydrazine in refluxing ethanol yields a mixture from which N-α-(6 amino-1-benzyloxycarbonylhexyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline may be isolated.

EXAMPLE 98

N-α-(5-amino-1(S)-carboxypentyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Benzyl 2-oxo-6-phthalimidohexanoate is treated as described in Example 96 to give N-α-(5-amino-1-carboxylpentyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline. Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

EXAMPLE 99

N-α-(5-Amino-1-benzyloxycarbonylpentyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Benzyl 2-oxo-6-phthalimidohexanoate is treated as described in Example 96 except that the debenzylation with hydrogen over palladium is omitted. From the mixture of products the desired N-α-(5-amino-1-benzyloxycarbonylpentyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline may be isolated.

EXAMPLE 100

A. N-α-(1-Carboxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Phenoxy pyruvic acid (0.9 g) is dissolved in water, the pH adjusted to 7 with dilute NaOH and the solution freeze dried. The residue is dissolved in 10 ml of ethanol and treated with ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline (0.36 g) and powdered No. 4A molecular sieves (3.0 g). Sodium cyanoborohydride (0.18 g in 3.5 ml of ethanol) is added portionwise and the reaction stirred at room temperature until the reaction is complete. The product is isolated by absorption on strong acid ion-ex-

change resin and elution with 2% pyridine in water, followed by freeze-drying to yield 0.25 g. of deprotected product, N-α-(1-carboxy-2-phenoxyethyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline. The nmr and mass spectrum are consistent with structure.

B. N-α-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenoxyethyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline.

Ethyl phenoxypyruvate treated with ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline as described in Example 100A gives N-α-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenoxyethyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 101

A. N-α-(1(S)-Carboxy-2-Phenylthioethyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Phenylthiopyruvic acid is treated with ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline as described in Example 100 to yield N-α-(1-carboxy-2-phenylthioethyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline. The mass spectrum shows a silylated molecular ion at 567 m/e. Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

B. N-α-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenylthioethyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Ethyl phenylthiopyruvate is treated with ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-L-lysyl-L-proline as described in Example 100A to yield N-α-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-2-phenylthioethyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 102

N-α-(1-Carboxy-2(S)-amino-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-Lysyl-L-proline

Condense ethyl 2-amino-4-phenyl-3-phthalimidobutanoate with 2-oxo-6-phthalimidohexanoic acid (prepared by alkylation of benzyl 1,3-dithiane-2-carboxylate with phthalimidobutylbromide followed by oxidation and hydrolysis) in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride by the procedure described in Example 13. Couple the resulting intermediate with L-proline benzyl ester hydrochloride by means of diphenylphosphoryl azide as described in that Example to obtain a mixture of isomers of N-α-(1-carbethoxy-2(S)-phthalimido-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-phthaloyl-D,L-lysyl-L-proline benzyl ester, purified by column chromatography. Treat with two equivalents of sodium hydroxide in ethanol-water solution for four hours at room temperature, neutralize to pH 4 with conc. hydrochloric acid, distill off the ethanol in vacuo, extract the product into ethyl acetate, and remove the solvent in vacuo. Reflux this residue in ethanol containing 2 equivalents of hydrazine for 1.5 hours and isolate, as described in Example 74, to obtain the desired compound.

EXAMPLE 103

N-α-(1-Carboxy-2-(S)-benzoylamino-3-phenylpropyl)-D,L-lysyl-L-proline

Condense ethyl 2-amino-3-benzoylamino-4-phenylbutanoate (prepared in Example 77) with 2-oxo-6-phthalimido hexanoic acid in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride by the method described in Example 13. Couple the resulting N-α-(1-carbethoxy-2-(S)-benzoylamino-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-phthaloyl-D,L-lysine with L-proline benzyl ester hydrochloride by means of diphenylphosphoryl azide as described in the same Example to obtain a mixture of isomers

of N-α-(1-carbethoxy-2-(S)-benzoylamino-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-phthaloyl-D,L-lysyl-L-proline benzyl ester, purified by chromatography. Treat with two equivalents of sodium hydroxide in ethanol-water solution for four hours at room temperature and work up as described in Example 102 to obtain N-α-(1-carboxy-2-(S)-benzoylamino-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-phthaloyl-D,L-lysyl-L-proline. Reflux this in ethanol for 1.5 hours in the presence of one equivalent of hydrazine and isolate as described in Example 74 to obtain the desired compound as a mixture of isomers.

EXAMPLE 104

N-α-(2-amino-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-lysyl-L-proline

An ethanol solution of trans-3-amino-4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-azetidinone (as prepared in Example 78) is reductively coupled with benzyl 2-oxo-6-phthalimidohexanoate by the use of $NaBH_3CN$ and molecular sieves. The product, N-α-[4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-oxo-3-azetidinyl]-N-ε-phthaloyl-D,L-lysine benzyl ester, is de-benzylated by hydrogenation over palladium. The free acid and proline benzyl ester are coupled with diphenylphosphoryl azide and the product is subsequently de-benzylated as above to yield N-α-[4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-oxo-3-azetidinyl]-N-ε-phthaloyl-D,L-lysyl-L-proline. The phthaloyl group is removed at room temperature in ethanol solution with one molar equivalent of hydrazine to give N-α-[4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-oxo-3-azetidinyl]-D,L-lysyl-L-proline. Hydrolysis with dilute sodium hydroxide yields, by β-lactam ring opening, N-α-(2-amino-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-lysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 105

N-α-(2-Benzamido-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-D,L-lysyl-L-proline

N-α-[4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-oxo-3-azetidinyl]-N-ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-D,L-lysine benzyl ester is prepared from trans-3-amino-4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-azetidinone (Example 78) and benzyl ε-3°-butoxy carbonylamino-2-oxohexanoate. The benzyl group is removed by hydrogenation and the product is coupled with L-proline benzyl ester. The product, N-α-[4-(2-methylpropyl)-2-oxo-3-azetidinyl]-N-ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-D,L-lysyl-L-proline benzyl ester, is debenzylated with hydrogen and the β-lactam hydrolyzed with dilute base to yield N-α-(2-amino-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-N-ε-3°-butoxycarbonyl-D,L-lysyl-L-proline. After benzoylation with benzoyl chloride in organic solvent, the t-Boc protecting group is removed with trifluoroacetic acid to give N-α-(2-benzamido-1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl) D,L-lysyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 106

N-α-(1(S)-Carboxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-4-methoxyproline

Couple methyl L-4α-methoxyprolinate hydrochloride with N-α-t-Boc-N-ε-Cbz-L-lysine using dicyclohexylcarbodiimide and triethylamine in methylene chloride, as described in Example 20. Purify by chromatography, hydrolyze the ester, and remove the t-Boc protecting group as described in that Example. Reductively couple this ε-Cbz-L-lysyl-L-4α-methoxyproline with 2-oxo-4-p-chlorphenyl butyric acid (prepared from p-chlorhydrocinnamic acid ethyl ester by base catalyzed condensation with diethyl oxalate, followed by decarboxylation in anhydrous hydrogen chloride in acetic acid) in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride and work-

up as described in Example 24 to obtain the mixture of isomers of N-α-(1-carboxy-3-p-chlorphenylpropyl)-N-ε-Cbz-L-lysyl-L-4α-methoxyproline. Remove the benzyloxycarbonyl protecting group by catalytic hydrogenation over palladium on carbon catalyst in the usual manner. Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

EXAMPLE 107

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-4-thiazolidine carboxylic acid

Couple N-α-t-Boc-N-ε-Cbz-L-lysine with L-thiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid benzyl ester hydrochloride, purify by chromatography, hydrolyze the ester, and remove the t-Boc protecting group, all by the methods described in Example 20. Reductively couple this with 2-oxo-4-p-chlorphenylbutyric acid as described in that Example to obtain the mixture of isomers of N-α-(1-carboxy-3-p-chlorphenylpropyl)-N-ε-Cbz-L-lysyl-L-4-thiazolidine carboxylic acid. Remove the benzyloxycarbonyl protecting group by treatment with hydrogen bromide in acetic acid at room temperature in the manner standard in peptide chemistry, strip off the solvent in vacuo, flush with water and finally freeze-dry to obtain the desired product.

EXAMPLE 108

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-p-chlorphenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-D,L-trans-5-methylthiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid

Couple 3.7 g of trans -5-methylthiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester hydrochloride (prepared from α-bromocrotonic acid and thioacetamide, acid hydrolysis to β-methylcysteine, and subsequent reaction with formaldehyde, the method employed by R. F. Nutt et al, Abstracts of the 6th American Peptide Symposium, Washington, D.C.

(1979), I-16, p. 95) with 7.4 g. of N-α-t-Boc-N-ε-Cbz-L-lysine, employing 2.8 ml of triethylamine and 4.5 g of dicyclohexylcarbodiimide in methylene chloride as described in Example 20. Reductively couple this intermediate with 2-oxo-4-p-chlorphenylbutyric acid employing sodium cyanoborohydride and then remove the benzyloxycarbonyl protecting group as described in Example 107 to obtain N-α-(1-carboxy-3-p-chlorphenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-D,L-trans-5-methylthiazolidine-4-carboxylic acid as a mixture of isomers.

EXAMPLE 109

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-p-chlorphenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-3,4-dehydroproline

Condense L-3,4-dehydroproline ethyl ester hydrochloride with N-α-t-Boc-N-ε-Cbz-L-lysine, remove the t-Boc group with 4 M HCl in ethyl acetate, then reductively couple the intermediate with 2-oxo-4-p-chlorphenylbutyric acid; remove the protecting group with HBr in acetic acid and work up, all by the method described in Example 107 to obtain the mixture of isomers of N-α-(1-carboxy-3-p-chlorophenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-3,4-dehydroproline.

EXAMPLE 110

N-(1-Carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A solution of 5-methyl-2-oxohexanoic acid (1.44 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.37 g) in 5 ml of water is adjusted to pH 7 and treated with $NaBH_3CN$ (0.31 g). After stirring at room temperature for five days the reaction product is absorbed on strong acid ion-exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water to yield 0.6 g of freeze-dried solid. A portion (0.2 g) is purified by chromatography on an LH 20 column to give 0.18 g of N-(1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. The nmr and mass spectrum are in accord with the assigned structure. The diastereomers may be isolated by chromatography.

EXAMPLE 111

N-(1-(S)-Ethoxycarbonyl-4-methylpentyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Ethyl 5-methyl-2-oxohexanoate (3.44 g) and L-alanyl-L-proline (0.74 g) is stirred in 15 ml of ethanol with 6 g of powdered 4A molecular sieves. Sodium cyanoborohydride (0.23 g) in ethanol is added dropwise over the course of several hours. The ethanol is then removed under vacuum, the product is absorbed on strong acid ion-exchane resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water to yield 1.08 g. of N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-4-methylpentyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline. A portion is purified by LH-20 chromatography for spectral analysis. The nmr is in accord with structure. The mass spectrum shows a peak at 414 (silylated molecular ion -15). Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

EXAMPLE 112

N-(1-Carboxy-3-p-phenoxyphenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

A mixture of 2-oxo-4-p-phenoxyphenylbutyric acid (prepared by reaction of p-phenoxyphenyl Grignard reagent with ethylene oxide, conversion of the resultant alcohol to the bromide and condensation with ethyl 1,3-dithiane-2-carboxylate. Oxiditive cleavage of the dithiane followed by alkaline hydrolysis yields the keto acid) and L-alanyl-L-proline in water is adjusted to pH 7 with dilute alkali and treated with excess $NaBH_3CN$. The product, N-(1-carboxy-3-p-phenoxyphenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline is isolated by chromatography.

EXAMPLE 113

N-(1-Ethoxycarbonyl-3-p-phenoxyphenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline

Ethyl 2-oxo-4-p-phenoxyphenylbutyric acid (prepared as described in Example 112 except that the final alkaline hydrolysis is omitted) condensed with L-alanyl-L-proline in the presence of $NaBH_3CN$ yields N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-p-phenoxyphenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline.

EXAMPLE 114

N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-D,L-3,3-dimethyl-proline

Prepare 3,3-dimethyl-D,L-proline from 3-methyl-2-butenal by the method of Cox, J. Chem. Soc., 1964, 5024, and convert to the methyl ester hydrochloride with methanolic hydrogen chloride. Couple with t-Boc-L-alanine, then condense with 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid by the methods of Example 47 to obtain a mixture of isomers of the desired product.

EXAMPLE 115

A. N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-S-benzyl-cysteinyl-L-proline

The condensation of L-N-t-Boc-S-benzylcysteine with L-proline t-butyl ester in the presence of dicyclohexyl carbodiimide in the usual manner yields the blocked dipeptide, L-(N-t-Boc-S-benzylcysteinyl)-L-proline-t-butyl ester. The latter is treated with 4N HCl in ethyl acetate at 0° to furnish L-(S-benzylcysteinyl)-L-proline. Treatment of this dipeptide with 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride results in the formation of N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-(S-benzylcysteinyl)-L-proline as a mixture of isomers.

B. N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-cysteinyl-L-proline

Treatment of the N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-S-benzylcysteinyl-L-proline, prepared in Part A with sodium in liquid ammonia affords the desired compound.

EXAMPLE 116

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-ornithyl-L-proline

N-δ-t-BOC-L-ornithyl-L-proline and 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride in the manner described in Example 54. The protecting group is removed from the product using ethyl acetate which is 4N in hydrogen chloride gas. The crude diastereomeric HCl salt is adsorbed on strong acid ion exchange resin and eluted with an aqueous solution 2% in pyridine. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 355 m/e for the product minus 36. The nmr spectrum is consistent with this structure.

EXAMPLE 117

N-α-(1(S)-Carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Ethyl 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyrate (2.58 g) and N-ε-t-Boc-L-lysyl-L-proline (859 mg) are dissolved in absolute ethanol (50 ml) to which crushed 5Å molecular sieves (2.0 g) are added. Upon completion of the reaction, the sieves are removed by filtration. After evaporation the filtrate residue is dissolved in water, extracted with ether and adsorbed on strong acid ion exchange resin. Elution with 2% pyridine in water gives 639 mg crude protected product, N-α-(1-carboethoxy-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-t-Boc-L-lysyl-L-proline. The protecting group is removed with ethyl acetate that is 4N in hydrogen chloride gas.

The resulting HCl salt is adsorb d on strong acid i n exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine to give 270 mg product. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 678 m/e for the disilylated species plus 1. The nmr is consistent with the structure. Chromatography affords the desired isomer.

EXAMPLE 118

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-N-ε-dimethyl-L-lysyl-L-proline

N-α-t-Boc-N-ε-cbz-L-lysyl-L-proline benzyl ester is reductively methylated in formaldehyde/10% Pd-C, 40 psi H_2. The α-t-Boc protecting group is cleaved with ethyl acetate which is 4N in hydrochloride gas. In the manner described in Example 54, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and N-ε-N-ε-dimethyl-L-lysyl-L-proline hydrochloride are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 415 for the product minus 18. The nmr spectrum is consistent with the structure.

EXAMPLE 119

N-α-[1-(S)-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline

N-α-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline, a mixture of diastereomers prepared as described in Example 57B is purified by gel filtration chromatrography in methanol (LH-20). The XAD-2 column prepared as described in Example 25 is equilibrated at 53°C with 0.1M NH_4OH containing 4% acetonitrile. The isomer mixture from above (250 mg) is dissolved in 10 ml of the same solvent and added to the column. When the column is eluted with this solvent, the first isomer emerges in the volume range 320-360 ml of eluate. The second isomer emerges in the range 450-540 ml of eluate. Intermediate fractions contain a mixture of isomers. When fractions

containing the first isomer are freeze-dried, 72 mg of fluffy white solid is obtained. This is the more active isomer and is the SSS configuration by analogy to the more active isomer of N-α-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline which was established by X-ray analysis to have the SSS configuration. By thin layer chromatography on silica gel in 1:1:1:1 ethylacetate/n-butanol/water/acetic acid, this solid is a single spot having an Rf value of 0.43. The 300 MHZ nmr spectrum shows a triplet for the methine proton γ to the phenyl substituent at 3.40 ppm. When the fractions containing the second isomer are freeze-dried, 72 mg of white fluffy solid is obtained. This solid by thin layer chromatography is a single spot of Rf value 0.39. The 300 MHZ nmr spectrum shows the triplet for the methine proton γ to the phenyl substituent at 3.61 ppm.

EXAMPLE 120

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-acetyl-L-lysyl-L-proline

In the manner described in Example 54, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and N-ε-acetyl-L-lysyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-α-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ε-acetyl-L-lysyl-L-proline. The nmr spectrum is consistent with structure. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 663 for the trisilylated species.

EXAMPLE 121

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-arginyl-L-proline

The necessary dipeptide is prepared by DCC condensation of N-α-t-Boc-N-ω-nitro-L-arginine and L-proline benzyl ester hydrochloride salt. The α-t-Boc protecting group is removed in the usual manner with 4N HCl in ethyl

acetate and the resulting N-ω-nitro-L-arginyl-L-proline benzyl ester is condensed with 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid in the manner described in Example 54.

The reaction affords fairly low yield (25-33%) of N-α-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-N-ω-nitro-L-arginyl-L-proline benzyl ester. This compound (159 mg) is dissolved in a solution (2.5 ml) of acetic acid/water/methanol (84%, 8%, 8%) and hydrogenated at 40 psi, room temperature, over 130 mg of 10% palladium on charcoal for simultaneous removal of the ω-nitro and benzyl ester protecting groups. The catalyst is filtered off and the filtrate is evaporated to a glass (94 mg), the water soluble portion of which is freeze-dried to a fluffy white solid (90 mg). This solid is the acetate salt of the desired product and is converted to the free base by absorbing on strong acid ion exchange resin, washing with water, then eluting with 2% pyridine in water. Freeze drying of product rich cuts affords 60 mg of N-α-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-arginyl-L-proline. The nmr spectrum is consistent with structure. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 793 for the pentasilylated species.

EXAMPLE 122

N-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-histidyl-L-proline

In the manner described in Example 54, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-histidyl-L-proline are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride to yield N-(1-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-histidyl-L-proline. The product is purified by gel filtration chromatography in methanol (LH-20). The nmr spectrum is consistent with structure. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 657 for the disilylated species.

EXAMPLE 123

N-α-[1-Carboxy-2-(3-indolyl)ethyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline

In the manner described in Example 54, indole-3-pyruvic acid is condensed with N-ε-t-Boc-L-lysyl-L-proline in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride. The ε-t-Boc protecting group is removed from the product with 4N HCl in ethyl acetate. The resulting hydrochloride salt is absorbed on Dowex 50 (H+) and eluted with 2% pyridine in water. Freeze drying of the product rich cuts affords the free base as a light brown fluffy solid. The nmr spectrum is consistent with structure. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 718 for the tetrasilylated species.

EXAMPLE 124

N-α-(1-Carboethoxy-4-methylpentyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

Dissolve 2-oxo-4-methyl-ethylpentanoate (2.75 g) and N-ε-t-Boc-L-lysyl-L-proline (2.75 g) in 150 ml of ethanol containing 16 g of powdered 4A molecular sieves. Hydrogenate at 40 psi, room temperature, over 1 g of 10% palladium on charcoal. After 1 mole of hydrogen is taken up, filter through filter aid, washing catalyst on the filter cake thoroughly with ethanol. Evaporate solvent to obtain 5.87 g of oil. Suspend oil in water, adjust pH to 8.5 and extract with ethyl acetate (3 x 60 ml) to remove neutral materials. Adjust pH of aqueous layer to 7, saturate with sodium chloride and extract product with ethyl acetate (3 x 100 ml). Dry product solution over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. Evaporate ethyl acetate to obtain 4.38 g of crude N-α-(1-carboethoxy-4-methylpentyl)-N-ε-t-Boc-L-lysyl-L-proline. Remove the t-Boc protecting group in the usual manner with 4N HCl in ethyl acetate. Convert the resulting hydrochloride salt to the free base with strong acid ion exchange resin (2% pyridine in water elution). Freeze dry product rich cut to obtain 2.1 g of

hygroscopic brittle solid. The nmr spectrum is consistent with structure for N-α-(1-carboethoxy-4-methylpentyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline. The mass spectrum gives a peak at 472 for the monosilylated molecular in plus 1.

EXAMPLE 125

N-α-(1-Carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline

N-α-(1-Carboethoxy-4-methylpentyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline is hydrolyzed to the corresponding carboxylic acid by stirring in an aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide (2.5 equivalents) at room temperature for several days. The reaction mixture is acidified to pH 5, absorbed on strong acid ion exchange resin and eluted with 2% pyridine in water. The product rich-cut is freeze dried to afford N-(1-carboxy-4-methylpentyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline as a white fluffy solid. The nmr spectrum is consistent with structure. The mass spectrum shows a molecular ion at 516 for the disilylated species.

EXAMPLE 126

N-α-(1-Carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-leucyl-L-tryptophan

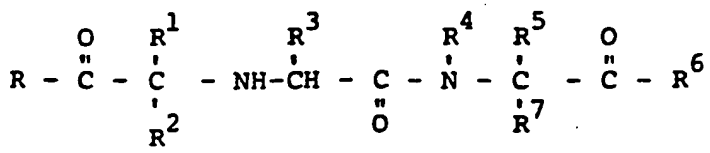
In the manner described in Example 54, 2-oxo-4-phenylbutyric acid and L-leucyl-L-tryptophan are condensed in the presence of sodium cyanoborohydride. The product is freeze dried from a mixture of dioxane/water since it is only slightly water soluble. The nmr spectrum is consistent with structure. The mass spectrum gives a molecular ion at 695 for the trisilylated species.

EXAMPLE 127

A typical tablet contains N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (25 mg), pregelatinized starch USP (82 mg), microcrystalline cellulose (82 mg) and magnesium stearate (1 mg). In like manner, for example, N-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline (20 mg) may be formulated in place of N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline with the composition of pregelatinized starch, microcrystalline cellulose and magnesium stearate described above.

A combination tablet with a diuretic such as hydrochlorothiazide typically contains N (1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline (7.5 mg), hydrochlorothiazide (50 mg), pregelatinized starch USP (82 mg), microcrystalline cellulose (82 mg) and magnesium stearate (1 mg). Tablets with, for example, N-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline (5 mg) and hydrochlorothiazide (50 mg)are made by substituting the former in place of N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl in the composition described above.

1. A compound of the formula:



wherein

R and R^6 are the same or different and are hydroxy,
lower alkoxy,
lower alkenoxy,
diloweralkylamino lower alkoxy,
acylamino lower alkoxy,
acyloxy lower alkoxy,
aryloxy,
arloweralkyloxy
substituted aryloxy or substituted arloweralkoxy wherein the substituent is methyl, halo, or methoxy,
amino,
loweralkylamino
diloweralkylamino,
arloweralkylamino or
hydroxyamino;

R^1 is hydrogen,
alkyl of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, including branched, cyclic and unsaturated alkyl groups;
substituted lower alkyl wherein the substituent is halo
hydroxy
lower alkoxy
aryloxy

amino
loweralkylamino
diloweralkylamino
acylamino
arylamino
guanidino
imidazolyl,
indolyl,
mercapto,
loweralkylthio
arylthio
carboxy
carboxamido
carbolower alkoxy

phenyl

substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is
lower alkyl
lower alkoxy or
halo;

arloweralkyl or heteroarloweralkyl, arloweralkenyl or heteroarloweralkenyl, substituted arloweralkyl, substituted heteroarlower-alkyl, substituted arloweralkenyl or substituted heteroarloweralkenyl, wherein the
substituent is halo or dihalo
lower alkyl
hydroxy
lower alkoxy
amino
aminomethyl
acylamino
diloweralkylamino
loweralkylamino

carboxyl
halo loweralkyl
cyano or
sulfonamido;

arloweralkyl or heteroarloweralkyl substituted on the alkyl portion by amino or acylamino;

R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen or lower alkyl;

R^3 is
hydrogen
lower alkyl
phenyl lower alkyl
aminomethyl phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy lower alkyl
acetylamino lower alkyl
acylamino lower alkyl
amino lower alkyl
dimethylamino lower alkyl
halo lower alkyl
guanidino lower alkyl
imidazolyl lower alkyl
indolyl lower alkyl
mercapto lower alkyl and
loweralkylthio lower alkyl;

R^4 is
hydrogen or
lower alkyl;

R^5 is
hydrogen
lower alkyl
phenyl
phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy lower alkyl
amino lower alkyl
guanidino lower alkyl
imidazolyl lower alkyl

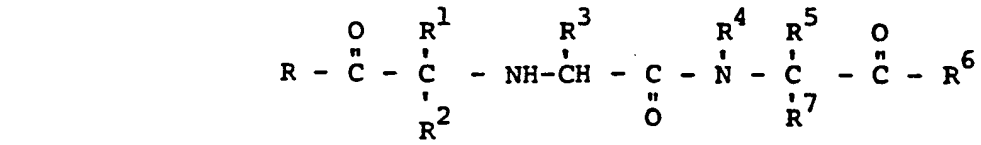
indolyl lower alkyl
mercapto lower alkyl or
loweralkyl thio lower alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 may be connected together to form an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 3 carbon atoms and one sulphur atom, an alkylene bridge of from 3 to 4 carbon atoms containing a double bond or an alkylene bridge as above, substituted with

hydroxy
lower alkoxy or
lower alkyl

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

2. A compound of the formula:



wherein

R is hydroxy,
lower alkoxy,
lower alkenoxy,
arloweralkyloxy,
diloweralkylamino lower alkoxy,
acylamino lower alkoxy or
acyloxy lower alkoxy,

R^6 is hydroxy or amino;

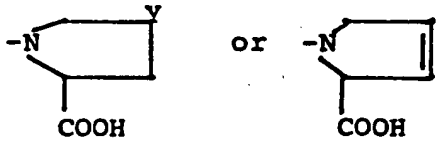
R^1 is alkyl having from 1 - 8 carbon atoms,
substituted lower alkyl wherein the alkyl group has 1 - 4 carbon atoms and the substituent is amino, arylthio, aryloxy or arylamino,
aralkyl or heteroaralkyl wherein the alkyl

portion has 1 - 3 carbon atoms, substituted aralkyl or heteroaralkyl wherein the alkyl groups have 1 - 3 carbon atoms and the substituent(s) is halo, dihalo, amino, amino-alkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy or lower alkyl;

R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen;

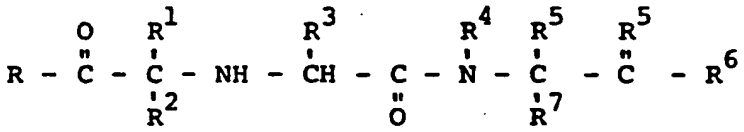
R^3 is lower alkyl or amino lower alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 can be joined together through the carbon and nitrogen atoms to which they are attached to form a ring of the formula:



wherein Y is CH_2, S, or $CH\text{-}OCH_3$ or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

3. A compound of the formula:



wherein

R is hydroxy or lower alkoxy,

R^6 is hydroxy,

R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen,

R^3 is methyl, aminoloweralkyl,

R^4 and R^5 are joined through the carbon and nitrogen atoms to form proline, 4-thiaproline or 4-methoxy-proline, and

R^1 is alkyl having from 1 - 8 carbon atoms,

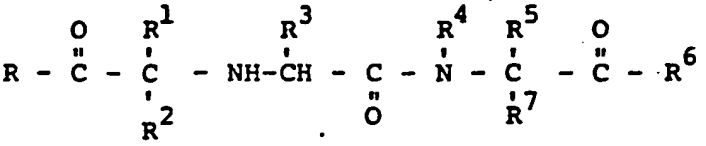
substituted lower alkyl wherein the alkyl group has 1 - 4 carbon atoms and the substituent is amino, arylthio or aryloxy,
aralkyl or heteroaralkyl wherein the alkyl portion has 1 - 3 carbon atoms,
substituted aralkyl or heteroaralkyl wherein the alkyl groups have 1 - 3 carbon atoms and the substituent(s) is halo, dihalo, amino, amino-alkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy or lower alkyl;
and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

4. A compound of claim 3 which is N-(1(S)-ethoxy-carbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline or the maleate salt thereof.

5. A compound of claim 3 which is N-α-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline.

6. A compound according to claim 3 which is N-(1-(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline;
N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-4-methylpentyl-L-alanyl-L-proline;
N-(1(S)-carboxy-5-aminopentyl-L-alanyl-L-proline;
N-α-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline;
N-α-(1(S)-carboxy-3-(3-indolyl)-propyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline;
N-α-[1(S)-carboxy-3-(4-chlorophenyl-propyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline;
N-α-[1(S)-carboxy-2-phenylthioethyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline;
N-α-[1(S)-carboxy-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-propyl]-L-lysyl-L-4α-methoxyproline;
N-α-[1(S)-carboxy-5-aminopentyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline.

7. A pharmaceutical composition useful in the treatment of hypertension which comprises a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of the formula:



wherein

R is hydroxy,
lower alkoxy,
lower alkenoxy,
arloweralkyloxy,
diloweralkylamino lower alkoxy,
acylamino lower alkoxy or
acyloxy lower alkoxy,

R^6 is hydroxy or amino;

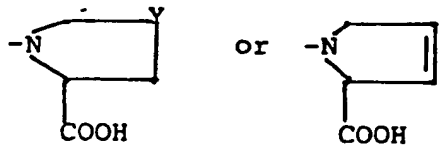
R^1 is alkyl having from 1 - 8 carbon atoms, substituted lower alkyl wherein the alkyl group has 1 - 4 carbon atoms and the substituent is amino, arylthio, aryloxy or arylamino, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl wherein the alkyl portion has 1 - 3 carbon atoms, substituted aralkyl or heteroaralkyl wherein the alkyl groups have 1 - 3 carbon atoms and the substituent(s) is halo, dihalo, amino, aminoalkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy or lower alkyl;

R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen;

R^3 is lower alkyl or amino lower alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 can be joined together through the carbon and nitrogen atoms to which they are attached to form

a ring of the formula:

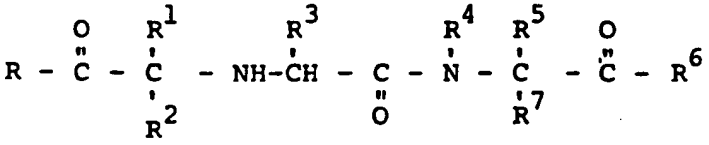


wherein Y is CH_2, S, or $CH-OCH_3$

or

the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

8. A pharmaceutical composition useful in the treatment of hypertension which comprises a pharmaceutically effective amount of an amino acid compound of the formula:



wherein

R and R^6 are the same or different and are hydroxy,
lower alkoxy,
lower alkenoxy,
diloweralkylamino lower alkoxy,
acylamino lower alkoxy,
acyloxy lower alkoxy,
aryloxy,
arloweralkyloxy
substituted aryloxy or substituted arloweralkoxy wherein the substituent is methyl, halo, or methoxy,
amino,
loweralkylamino
diloweralkylamino,
arloweralkylamino or
hydroxyamino;

R^1 is hydrogen,
alkyl of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, including branched, cyclic and unsaturated alkyl groups;

substituted lower alkyl wherein the
substituent is halo
hydroxy
lower alkoxy
aryloxy
amino
loweralkylamino
diloweralkylamino
acylamino
arylamino
guanidino
imidazolyl,
indolyl,
mercapto,
loweralkylthio
arylthio
carboxy
carboxamido
carbolower alkoxy

phenyl

substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is
lower alkyl
lower alkoxy or
halo;

arloweralkyl or heteroarloweralkyl,
arloweralkenyl or heteroarloweralkenyl,
substituted arloweralkyl, substituted heteroarlower-
alkyl, substituted arloweralkenyl or substituted
heteroarloweralkenyl, wherein the
substituent is halo or dihalo
lower alkyl
hydroxy

lower alkoxy
amino
aminomethyl
acylamino
diloweralkylamino
loweralkylamino
carboxyl
halo lower alkyl
cyano or
sulfonamido;

arloweralkyl or heteroarloweralkyl substituted on the alkyl portion by amino or benzoylamino;

R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen or lower alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen
lower alkyl
phenyl lower alkyl
aminomethyl phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy lower alkyl
acetylamino lower alkyl
acylamino lower alkyl
amino lower alkyl
dimethylamino lower alkyl
halo lower alkyl
guanidino lower alkyl
imidazolyl lower alkyl
indolyl lower alkyl
mercapto lower alkyl and
loweralkylthio lower alkyl;

R^4 is hydrogen or
lower alkyl;

R^5 is hydrogen
lower alkyl
phenyl
phenyl lower alkyl

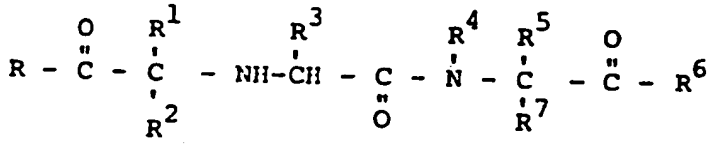
hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy lower alkyl
amino lower alkyl
guanidino lower alkyl
imidazolyl lower alkyl
indolyl lower alkyl
mercapto lower alkyl or
loweralkyl thio lower alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 may be connected together to form an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 3 carbon atoms and one sulphur atom, an alkylene bridge of from 3 to 4 carbon atoms containing a double bond or an alkylene bridge as above, substituted with

hydroxy
lower alkoxy or
lower alkyl

or the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, and a compound selected from the group consisting of hydrochlorothiazide, chlorothiazide, ethacrynic acid, amiloride, furosemide, propanolol, timolol and methyldopa and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

9. A process for preparing a compound of the formula



wherein

R and R^6 are the same or different and are hydroxy,
lower alkoxy,
lower alkenoxy,
diloweralkylamino lower alkoxy,
acylamino lower alkoxy,
acyloxy lower alkoxy,
aryloxy,
arloweralkyloxy
substituted aryloxy or substituted arloweralkoxy wherein the substituent is methyl, halo, or methoxy,
amino,
loweralkylamino
diloweralkylamino,
arloweralkylamino or
hydroxyamino;

R^1 is hydrogen,
alkyl of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, including branched, cyclic and unsaturated alkyl groups;
substituted lower alkyl wherein the substituent is halo
hydroxy
lower alkoxy
aryloxy

amino
loweralkylamino
diloweralkylamino
acylamino
arylamino
guanidino
imidazolyl,
indolyl,.
mercapto,
loweralkylthio
arylthio
carboxy
carboxamido
carbolower alkoxy

phenyl

substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is
lower alkyl
lower alkoxy or
halo;

arloweralkyl or heteroarloweralkyl, arloweralkenyl or heteroarloweralkenyl, substituted arloweralkyl, substituted heteroarlower-alkyl, substituted arloweralkenyl or substituted heteroarloweralkenyl, wherein the
substituent is halo or dihalo
lower alkyl
hydroxy
lower alkoxy
amino
aminomethyl
acylamino
diloweralkylamino
loweralkylamino

carboxyl
halo loweralkyl
cyano or
arloweralkyl or heteroarloweralkyl substituted on the alkyl portion by amino or acylamino;

R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen or lower alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen
lower alkyl
phenyl lower alkyl
aminomethyl phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy lower alkyl
acetylamino lower alkyl
acylamino lower alkyl
amino lower alkyl
dimethylamino lower alkyl
halo lower alkyl
guanidino lower alkyl
imidazolyl lower alkyl
indolyl lower alkyl
mercapto lower alkyl and
loweralkylthio lower alkyl;

R^4 is hydrogen or
lower alkyl;

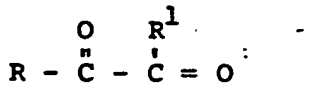
R^5 is hydrogen
lower alkyl
phenyl
phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy lower alkyl
amino lower alkyl
guanidino lower alkyl
imidazolyl lower alkyl
indolyl low r alkyl

mercapto lower alkyl or
loweralkyl thio lower alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 may be connected together to form an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 3 carbon atoms and one sulphur atom, an alkylene bridge of from 3 to 4 carbon atoms containing a double bond or an alkylene bridge as above, substituted with

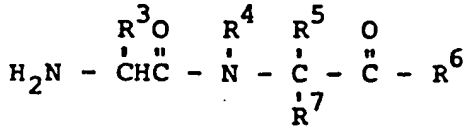
hydroxy
lower alkoxy or
lower alkyl

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof which comprises reacting a ketone of the formula



wherein R^1 may include suitable protection of any reactive groups

with a dipeptide or protected dipeptide of the formula



wherein R^3 and R^5 may include suitable protection of any reactive groups in the presence of a reducing agent, followed by removal of the protecting groups if necessary to yield the desired product, and, if desired, preparing a salt thereof by conventional means and, if desired, isolating the biologically more active isomer by chromatography or fractional crystallization.

16271 Y

TITLE OF INVENTION

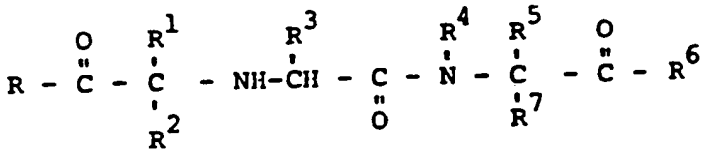
CARBOXYALKYL DIPEPTIDE DERIVATIVES, PROCESS FOR PREPARING THEM AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION CONTAINING THEM

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to new carboxyalkyl dipeptide derivatives and related compounds which are useful as antihypertensives.

Claims for Austria

1. A process for preparing a compound of th formula



wherein

R and R^6 are the same or different and are hydroxy,
lower alkoxy,
lower alkenoxy,
diloweralkylamino lower alkoxy,
acylamino lower alkoxy,
acyloxy lower alkoxy,
aryloxy,
arloweralkyloxy
substituted aryloxy or substituted arloweralkoxy wherein the substituent is methyl, halo, or methoxy,
amino,
loweralkylamino
diloweralkylamino,
arloweralkylamino or
hydroxyamino;

R^1 is hydrogen,
alkyl of from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, including branched, cyclic and unsaturated alkyl groups;
substituted lower alkyl wherein the substituent is halo
hydroxy
lower alkoxy
aryloxy

amino
loweralkylamino
diloweralkylamino
acylamino
arylamino
guanidino
imidazolyl,
indolyl,
mercapto,
loweralkylthio
arylthio
carboxy
carboxamido
carbolower alkoxy

phenyl

substituted phenyl wherein the substituent is
lower alkyl
lower alkoxy or
halo;

arloweralkyl or heteroarloweralkyl,
arloweralkenyl or heteroarloweralkenyl,
substituted arloweralkyl, substituted heteroarlower-
alkyl, substituted arloweralkenyl or substituted
heteroarloweralkenyl, wherein the
substituent is halo or dihalo
lower alkyl
hydroxy
lower alkoxy
amino
aminomethyl
acylamino
diloweralkylamino
loweralkylamino

carboxyl
halo loweralkyl
cyano or
arloweralkyl or heteroarloweralkyl substituted on the alkyl portion by amino or acylamino;

R^2 and R^7 are hydrogen or lower alkyl;

R^3 is hydrogen
lower alkyl
phenyl lower alkyl
aminomethyl phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy lower alkyl
acetylamino lower alkyl
acylamino lower alkyl
amino lower alkyl
dimethylamino lower alkyl
halo lower alkyl
guanidino lower alkyl
imidazolyl lower alkyl
indolyl lower alkyl
mercapto lower alkyl and
loweralkylthio lower alkyl;

R^4 is hydrogen or
lower alkyl;

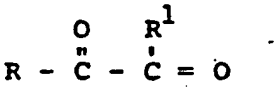
R^5 is hydrogen
lower alkyl
phenyl
phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy phenyl lower alkyl
hydroxy lower alkyl
amino lower alkyl
guanidino lower alkyl
imidazolyl lower alkyl
indolyl lower alkyl

mercapto lower alkyl or
loweralkyl thio lower alkyl;

R^4 and R^5 may be connected together to form an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, an alkylene bridge of from 2 to 3 carbon atoms and one sulphur atom, an alkylene bridge of from 3 to 4 carbon atoms containing a double bond or an alkylene bridge as above, substituted with

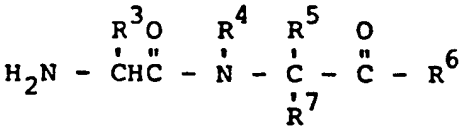
hydroxy
lower alkoxy or
lower alkyl

and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof which comprises reacting a ketone of the formula



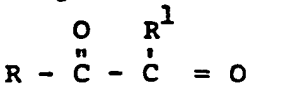
wherein R^1 may include suitable protection of any reactive groups

with a dipeptide or protected dipeptide of the formula

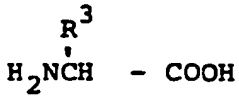


wherein R^3 and R^5 may include suitable protection of any reactive groups in the presence of a reducing agent, followed by removal of the protecting groups if necessary to yield the desired product, and, if desired, preparing a salt thereof by conventional means and, if desired, isolating the biologically more active isomer by chromatography or fractional crystallization.

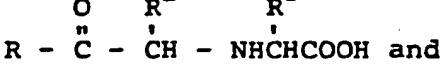
2. A process for preparing a compound of claim 1 which comprises reacting a ketone of the formula



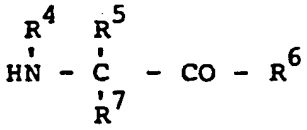
wherein R is not hydroxy, and R^1 may include suitable protection of any reactive group with an amino acid or protected amino acid of the formula



wherein R^3 may include suitable protection of any reactive group in the presence of a reducing agent to form an intermediate of the formula:



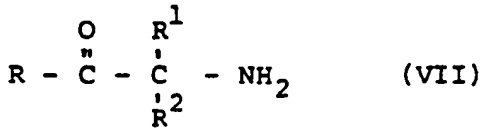
then coupling said intermediate with an amino acid or protected amino acid derivative of the formula



VI

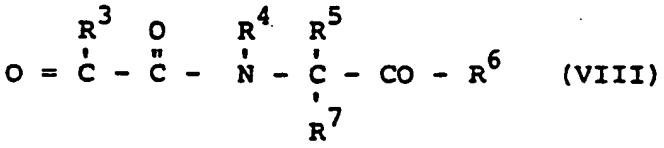
wherein R^6 is not hydroxy and R^5 may include suitable protection of any reactive group to yield a compound of claim 1 where R and R^6 are not hydroxy, followed by removal of protecting groups and if desired converting R and/or R^6 to hydroxy by hydrolyzing or hydrogenating the appropriate precursor, and, if desired, preparing a salt thereof by conventional means and, if desired, isolating the biologically more active isomer by chromatography or fractional crystallization.

3. A process for preparing a compound of the formula of claim 1 which comprises reacting an amine of the formula



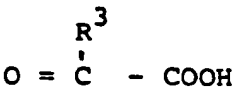
(VII)

wherein R^1 may include suitable protection of any reactive group with a ketone of the formula



(VIII)

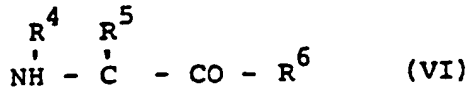
wherein R^3 and R^5 may include suitable protection of any reactive group, followed by removal of the protecting groups if necessary to yield the desired product or if desired performing the reaction in a stepwise fashion by condensing (VII) where R is not hydroxy with a keto acid of the formula



wherein R^3 may include suitable protection of any reactive group to yield

(X)

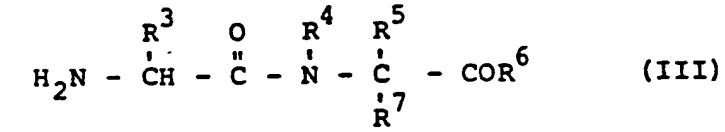
and condensing (X) with an amino acid derivative of the formula



(VI)

wherein R^6 is not hydroxy and R^5 may include suitable protection of any reactive group followed by removal of the protecting groups if necessary to yield a compound of claim 1 where R and R^6 are not hydroxy and if desired converting R and/or R^6 to hydroxy by hydrolyzing or hydrogenating the appropriate precursor and further, if desired, preparing a salt thereof by conventional means and still further, if desired, isolating the biologically more active isomer by chromatography or fractional crystallization.

4. A process for preparing a compound of claim 1 which comprises reacting a dipeptide of the formula

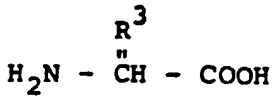


(III)

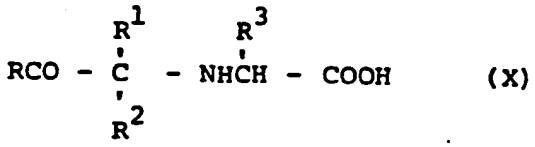
wherein R^3 and R^5 may include suitable protection of any reactive group with a compound of the formula

(XI)

wherein R^1 may include suitable protection of any reactive group and where X is chlorine, bromine, iodine, or a sulfonyloxy group followed by the removal of protecting groups if necessary to yield the desired product or if desired reacting (XI) in which R is not OH with an amino acid derivative of the formula

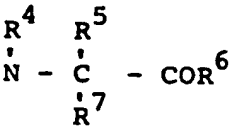


wherein R^3 may include suitable protection of any reactive group to form an intermediate of the formula



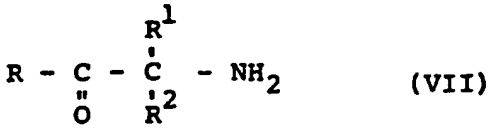
(X)

and then reacting said intermediate with an amino acid derivative of the formula



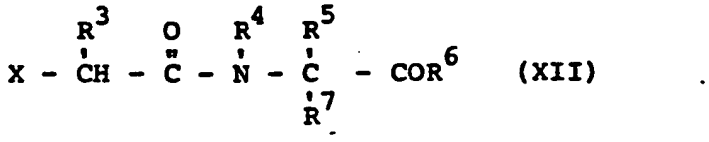
in which R^6 is not OH and R^5 may include suitable protection of any reactive group followed by removal of the protecting group if necessary, to form a compound of claim 1 and, if desired, preparing a salt thereof by conventional means and, if desired, isolating the biologically more active isomer by chromatography or fractional crystallization.

5. A process for preparing a compound of claim 1 which comprises reacting an amino acid derivative of the formula:



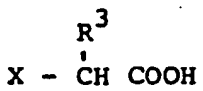
(VII)

wherein R^1 may include suitable production of any reactive group with an α-substituted acyl amino acid derivative

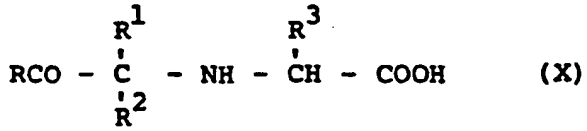


(XII)

where X is chlorine, bromine, iodine or a sulfonyloxy group and where R^3 and R^5 may include suitable protection of any reactive group followed by removal of the protectin group if necessary to form the desired product or if desired reacting an amino acid ester (VII) where R is not hydroxyl with an α-substituted acid of the formula

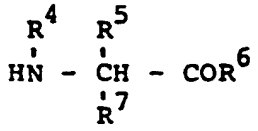


wherein R^3 may include suitable protection of any reactive group to yield an intermediate ester of the formula



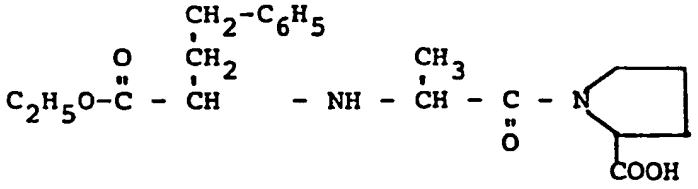
(X)

and reacting said intermediate with an amino acid ester of the formula

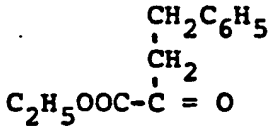


wherein R^6 is not hydroxyl and R^5 may include suitable protection of any reactive group followed by removal of the protecting groups if necessary to yield the compound of claim 1 and if desired converting R and/or R^6 to hydroxy by hydrolyzing or hydrogenating the appropriate precursor and further, if desired, preparing a salt thereof by conventional means and still further, if desired, isolating the biologically more active isomer by chromatography or fractional crystallization.

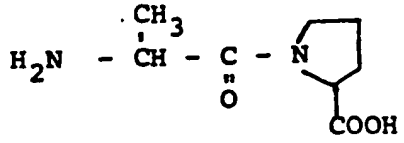
6. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of the formula



which comprises reacting a ketone of the formula

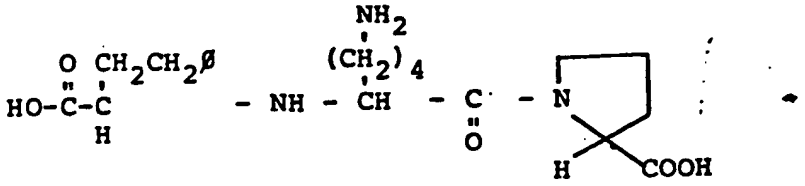


with a dipeptide of the formula

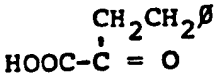


in the presence of a reducing agent to obtain the desired product and isolating the biologically more active diastereoisomer by chromatography or fractional crystallization.

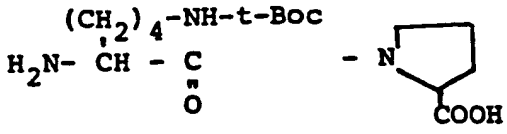
7. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of the formula



which comprises reacting a ketone of the formula

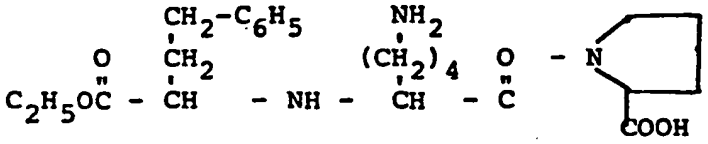


with a protected dipeptide of the formula

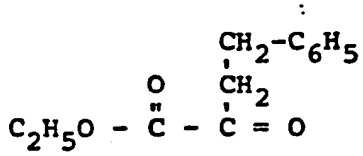


wherein t-Boc is the t-butyloxycarbonyl protecting group, in the presence of a reducing agent to yield the protected form of the desired product, then reacting this with a suitable acidic reagent to obtain the desired product.

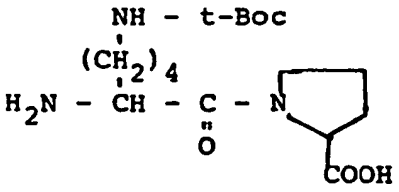
8. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of the formula



which comprises reacting a ketone of the formula

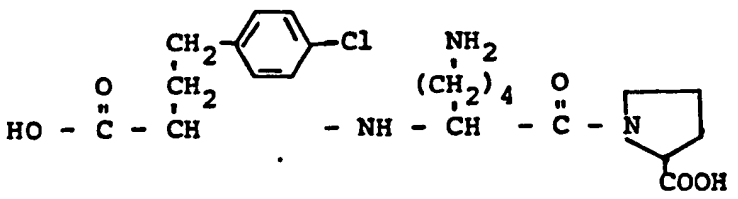


with a protected dipeptide of the formula

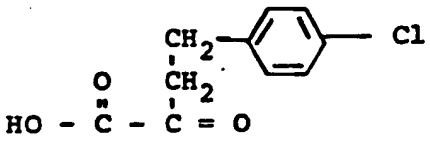


wherein t-Boc is the t-butyloxycarbonyl protecting group in the presence of a reducing agent to yield the protected form of the desired product, then reacting this with a suitable acidic reagent to obtain the desired product.

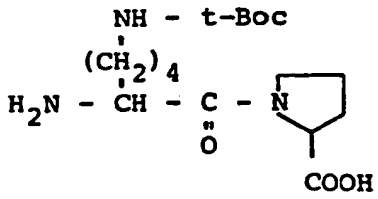
9. A process according to claim 1 for preparing a compound of the formula



which comprises reacting a ketone of the formula



with a protected dipeptide of the formula



wherein t-Boc is the t-butyloxycarbonyl protecting group, in the presence of a reducing agent to yield the protected form of the desired product, then reacting this with a suitable acidic reagent to obtain the desired product.

10. A process according to claim 1 for preparing the following compounds

N-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline;

N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline or the maleate salt thereof;

N-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl)-4-methylpentyl-L-alanyl-L-proline;

N-(1(S)-carboxy-5-aminopentyl-L-alanyl-L-proline;

N-α-(1(S)-carboxy-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline;

N-α-(1(S)-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-lysyl-L-proline;

N-α-[1(S)-carboxy-3-(3-indolyl)-propyl]-L-lysyl-L-prolin ;

N-α-[1(S)-carboxy-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-propyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline;

N-α-[1(S)-carboxy-2-phenylthioethyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline;

N-α-[1(S)-carboxy-3-(4-chlorophenyl)-propyl]-L-lysyl-L-4α-methoxyproline and

N-α-[1(S)-carboxy-5-aminopentyl]-L-lysyl-L-proline.

European Patent Office

EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

0012401

Application number

EP 79 10 5015

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int. Cl. ³)
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	
	CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS, vol. 43, no. 4, February 25, 1949, abstract 1448a. Columbus, Ohio, USA H.T. HANSON et al. "Application of peptides containing β-alanine to the study of the specificity of various peptidases". & J. Biol. Chem. 175, 833-48 (1948). * Abstract * --	1	C 07 C 103/52 A 61 K 37/02
	FR - A - 2 206 948 (HOECHST) * Pages 0-3 * ----	1	TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int.Cl. ³) C 07 C 103/52 A 61 K 37/02

CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS

X: particularly relevant
A: technological background
O: non-written disclosure
P: intermediate document
T: theory or principle underlying the invention
E: conflicting application
D: document cited in the application
L: citation for other reasons

&: member of the same patent family, corresponding document

The present search report has been drawn up for all claims

Place of search	Date of completion of the search	Examiner
The Hague	21-03-1980	RAJIC